

## -ING / TO INFINITIVE ACTIVITIES

### 1. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets using the to-infinitive, the -ing form or both

1. I really miss (play) ..... tennis like I used to.
2. I'm sorry. I meant (write) ..... to you but I've been busy.
3. Harry says he doesn't remember (meet) ..... Sally before.
4. Martin failed (pay) ..... the rent on time yet again.
5. It's not worth (buy) ..... a return ticket.
6. Have you ever considered (work) ..... as a teacher?
7. I promise I won't forget (feed) ..... the cat.
8. We've arranged (meet) ..... outside the school at 4.30
9. If you've got a headache, why don't you try (take) ..... an aspirin?
10. I can't imagine (not have) ..... a dog!
11. We saw her .....(approach) the house.
12. I hate .....(play) tennis, but I would love .....(learn).
13. She wants me .....(phone) her parents.
14. She can't help .....(get) into trouble.
15. You shouldn't have left the building without .....(say) goodbye to everybody
16. I told her everything I knew and now I regret .....(do) so.
17. She forgot .....(do) her homework.
18. They didn't stop .....(talk) until the teacher told them.
19. She can't afford .....(buy) a house here.
20. After .....(leave) University, she got a job in tourism.
21. We didn't use to .....(spend) our holidays abroad, but we got used to .....(visit) a new country each summer.
22. Instead of .....(tidy) his room, he decided .....(watch) a film
23. I don't mind .....(wait)
24. It is impossible .....(solve) this problem.
25. You should try not .....(break) the glass.
26. We weren't able .....(open) the door before.....(break) the lock.
27. (Swim) ..... is good for you.
28. The teacher let us .....(eat) our sandwich.
29. I remember .....(play) videogames when I was ten.
30. You must promise not .....(tell) this secret to anyone.
31. I am looking forward to (see)..... you.
32. It's no use (wait) ..... any longer.
33. He warned her (not touch) ..... the wire.
34. Don't forget (lock) ..... the door before (go) .....
35. My mother told me (not speak) ..... to anyone about it.
36. He tried (explain) ..... but she refused (listen) .....
37. At dinner she annoyed me by (smoke) ..... between the courses.
38. He decided (disguise) ..... himself by (dress) ..... as a monster.
39. I am beginning (understand) ..... what you mean.
40. These boys like (play) ..... games but hate (do) ..... lessons.
41. I couldn't help (overhear) ..... what you said.
42. I don't allow (smoke) ..... in my sitting room.
43. I don't allow anyone (smoke) ..... in my sitting room.
44. Please go on (write) .....; I don't mind (wait) .....
45. He wore dark glasses (avoid) (be) ..... recognized.
46. Before (give) ..... evidence you must swear (speak) ..... the truth.
47. Stop (talk) .....; I am trying (finish) ..... a letter.
48. His doctor advised him (give up) (smoke) .....
49. People used (make) ..... fire by (rub) ..... two sticks together.
50. They are used to (have breakfast) ..... early.
51. Some people seem (have) ..... a passion for (write) ..... in the newspapers.

52. It is easy (learn) ..... that lesson.
53. Would you like (come) ..... with us? Yes, I love (go) ..... to that place.
54. He kept (ask) ..... for an explanation.
55. I didn't mean (offend) ..... anyone but somehow I succeeded in (annoy).....them all.
56. He never thinks of (get) ..... out of your way..
57. Do you remember (hear) ..... the bombs (drop).....
58. I stopped (ask) ..... the way.
59. He heard the clock (strike) ..... six.
60. We watched the men (saw) ..... the tree.

**2. Complete the sentences with a suitable gerund or to infinitive**

1. My friend is afraid of .....
2. I hope.....you again soon.
3. We look forward to ..... Paris soon.
4. It's no use .....to him.
5. I 'd rather .....at a hotel .
6. My mum encouraged me .....for this job.
7. ....English is very useful.
8. She enjoys.....computer games
9. Remember ..... your teeth before .....to bed.
10. The car is so expensive they can't afford ..... it.
11. He has decided ..... mathematics.
12. She is learning ..... a bicycle.
13. He refused ..... his homework.
14. He pretended not ..... them.
15. You must promise not ..... this secret to anyone
16. My house is near. It's not worth ..... the bus
17. He lives by the sea so he often goes .....
18. There's a lot of snow so we can go .....
19. That film is good. It is worth ..... it

**3. Complete the sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given.**

1. Jack said that he hadn't cheated in the exam. **(cheating)**  
Jack \_\_\_\_\_ in the exam
2. It was difficult for me not to laugh at Wendy's letter. **(help)**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ at Wendy's letter
3. I'm sorry but you have not been appointed to the post. **(regret)**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ you have not been appointed to the post.
4. I needed a drink of water and so I stopped running. **(to)**  
I stopped running \_\_\_\_\_ water.
5. Don't forget the lights when you leave. **(off)**  
Don't forget \_\_\_\_\_ when you leave
6. I can hear voices upstairs. **(talking)**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ upstairs
7. My neighbour said he would call the police. **(threatened)**  
My neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ the police.

#### 4. Complete the sentences with the suitable form of one of the verbs in brackets

1. Mary was so angry that she \_\_\_\_\_ to see the manager. (*demand, hope, risk, stop*)
2. The weather is so awful that I don't \_\_\_\_\_ going out tonight. (*fancy, like, try, want*)
3. The children could hardly \_\_\_\_\_ to leave their pets behind. (*bear, forget, regret, seem*)
4. You don't \_\_\_\_\_ looking after the baby, do you? (*agree, stand, mind, notice*)
5. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ to know when this castle was built? (*ask, happen, imagine, like*)
6. John \_\_\_\_\_ to let his children go to the concert. (*afford, avoid, refuse, stop*)
7. If I give you the information, I \_\_\_\_\_ losing my job! (*expect, mean, prepare, risk*)
8. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ to be doing in ten years' time? (*begin, expect, remember, suggest*)
9. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ to tell the police about the missing money? (*admit, confess, deny, intend*)
10. Why does Basil \_\_\_\_\_ looking at his watch? (*appear, attempt, keep, mean*)

#### 5. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of one of the verbs below

Admit, avoid, carry on, detest, enjoy, finish, give up, go on, imagine, involve, can't help, keep (on), mind, miss, resist, risk, can't stand.

1. Think of the future! Can you ..... travelling by space-ship to Mars?
2. The policeman asked me if I ..... having stolen the money.
3. .... ringing the bell; I'm sure there is someone at home.
4. Don't punish him! He can't ..... behaving like a child.
5. My last day in this office! Well, I won't ..... being here very much.
6. I'll be ready as soon as I've ..... filling in this form.
7. The lights on my car don't work. Should I ..... driving without them?
8. My tea isn't sweet enough. Would you ..... passing me the sugar?
9. I ..... waiting for buses in the rain.

#### 6. Fill in the blanks with a preposition (if it is necessary) and a suitable verb:

1. I'm not very good ..... new languages.
2. Miss Jones, are you busy? Do you feel ..... a walk.
3. A holiday in Switzerland! I'm not really looking forward ..... Mt. Blanc.
4. After ..... economics at university, he got a job with the Ministry of Trade.
5. What a strange custom! I'm not used ..... wine for breakfast.
6. I think I won't succeed ..... the exam.
7. The baby fell asleep on her arms and she put him to bed without ..... him up.
8. He is very fond ..... basketball.
9. What about ..... to the cinema?
10. He is fed up ..... on a diet. He thinks he isn't thinner.

#### 7. Write a sentence from the words given:

1. His parents want/ he/ stay with them.
2. He encouraged/we/ go camping.
3. The school forbids/students/ leave the building.
4. I would like/ they/ come with us.

#### 8. Complete with an adjective:

1. She is crying. She is ..... him go.
2. I was ..... the football pools.
3. They can climb it. They are ..... it.
4. You are not ..... anything in the fountain.
5. It is ..... this exercise.

#### 9. Translate into English. If there is more than one option, write all of them.

1. Yo no tenía la intención de herir tus sentimientos
2. Yo quiero que él estudie más.
3. Fumar es malo para la salud.

4. No soy muy bueno en aprender nuevos idiomas.
5. ¿Puedes imaginarte vivir en la luna?
6. Lo escuché tocar el piano.
7. Estoy cansada de escribir.
8. Ella fingió no vernos.
9. Tú nos aconsejaste no ir a Londres.
10. Nos hizo dibujar una iglesia.
11. Me encanta ir al cine pero preferiría ir al teatro hoy.
12. ¿Has empezado a estudiar? Ya es muy tarde.
13. ¿Te gusta nadar? Hace mucha calor y podríamos ir a la playa.
14. Odia ver la tele pero le gustaría ir a ese nuevo concurso.
15. Nadar en un río es difícil.
16. Dormir en una tienda de campaña es incómodo.
17. Coleccionar monedas es ridículo.
18. Viajar en avión es más rápido que viajar en coche.
19. Trabajar en una fábrica es más aburrido que trabajar en una oficina.
20. Hablar inglés es bastante útil para viajar al extranjero.
21. ¿Has probado a beber esa nueva cerveza? No, no me gusta beber.
22. ¡Deja de leer y escúchame! Esos niños tienen que dejar de escuchar la radio para hacer la tarea.
23. ¿Olvidaste apagar la tele?
24. Mi padre no me deja beber vino.
25. Lo vio cantar en aquel pub.
26. No los oí llegar la pasada noche.
27. El coche necesita ser reparado.
28. Preferiríamos ir con ellos.
29. Voy a dejar de fumar mañana
30. No puede soportar ir allí
31. Acabaron de escribir eso
32. Nos recordó que apagáramos la tele.
33. Les aconsejé que estudiaran más.
34. Le pedí que condujera más despacio.
35. Nos invitó a cenar el sábado.
36. Quiero que leas ese libro. Es bastante interesante.
37. Le dijiste a Peter que no fuera de compras.
38. Las paredes necesitan pintarse.
39. No lo dejan salir el Sábado.
40. Los vimos cruzar el río.
41. Olieron algo quemarse.
42. La hizo reír.
43. Lo mejor que puedes hacer es ir al médico.
44. Déjame ir.
45. Preferiría quedarme en casa.