

6A GRAMMAR gerunds and infinitives

a Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the infinitive (with or without *to*) or the gerund (-ing).

- 1 I learnt *to speak* French when I was at school. (**speak**)
- 2 Do you fancy _____ a film tonight? (**go see**)
- 3 Laura's mother lets her _____ when she wants. (**go out**)
- 4 I can't afford _____ a holiday this year. (**have**)
- 5 It's getting late. We'd better _____ much longer. (**not stay**)
- 6 I'm going to carry on _____ until 8.00 tonight. (**work**)
- 7 What are you planning _____ to the party? (**wear**)
- 8 Would you rather _____ in the country or in a town? (**live**)
- 9 I couldn't help _____ when my brother fell off his bicycle. (**laugh**)
- 10 Did you manage _____ the report before the meeting? (**finish**)
- 11 We're really looking forward to _____ you again. (**see**)
- 12 If I tell you a secret, do you promise _____ anybody? (**not tell**)
- 13 My boss made me _____ late last night. (**work**)
- 14 Since I've moved abroad I really miss _____ my friends. (**see**)
- 15 Would you like me _____ you with the dinner? (**help**)
- 16 I don't mind _____. I'm not in a hurry. (**wait**)
- 17 Sorry, you aren't allowed _____ here. (**park**)
- 18 We need to practise _____ before the oral exam. (**speak**)
- 19 I like _____ early in the morning in the summer. (**get up**)
- 20 Monica might _____ tomorrow. She's ill. (**not come**)
- 21 I love _____ time with my grandparents. (**spend**)
- 22 Will you be able _____ me a lift to work tomorrow? (**give**)

b Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the gerund or the infinitive with *to*.

- 1 You forgot *to buy* the milk. (**buy**)
- 2 Could you try _____ late tomorrow? (**not be**)
- 3 The sheets on this bed are dirty. They need _____. (**change**)
- 4 Don't you remember _____ his wife at that party at Christmas? (**meet**)
- 5 I'll never forget _____ in New York for the first time. (**arrive**)
- 6 I think you need _____ the irregular verbs. (**revise**)
- 7 Did you remember _____ James about the meeting tomorrow? (**tell**)
- 8 If the computer doesn't work, try _____ it off and on again. (**turn**)

25–30 Excellent. You can use gerunds and infinitives very well.

16–24 Quite good. But check the rules in the Grammar Bank (Student's Book p.142) for any questions that you got wrong.

0–15 This is difficult for you. Read the rules in the Grammar Bank again (Student's Book p.142). Then ask your teacher for another photocopy and do the exercise again at home.

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c Write sentences that are true for you, using the prompts. Compare your ideas with a partner. Ask him / her for more details.

- 1 something you learnt to do when you were a child
- 2 something your parents didn't let you do when you were younger
- 3 a place you remember visiting
- 4 a person you enjoy spending time with
- 5 something you often forget to do
- 6 something that you try not to do

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 6A

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A)

2 going to see

3 go out

4 to have

5 not stay

6 working

7 to wear

8 live

9 laughing

10 to finish

11 seeing

12 not to tell

13 work

14 seeing

15 to help

16 waiting

17 to park

18 speaking

19 getting up / to get up

20 not come

21 spending

22 to give

B)

2 not to be

3 changing

4 meeting

5 arriving

6 to revise

7 to tell

8 turning