

Consolidation

- a** Right (✓) or wrong (✗)? Correct the mistakes in the highlighted phrases.
- 1 I expect to have finished the report by Friday afternoon. ✓
 - 2 It's no use sitting around talking about it. We need actions, not words.
 - 3 Your remarks offended me. I will not put up with speaking to like that.
 - 4 We would love to be able to stay longer in Rome, but it just wasn't possible.
 - 5 She's very narrow-minded so it's difficult for her understanding your point of view.
 - 6 I wasn't aware of having been introduced to her before.
 - 7 There's no point to invite George because he never goes to parties.
 - 8 Having studied abroad will certainly be an advantage when you come to apply for a job.
 - 9 What's that noise? Someone seems to try to open the door.
 - 10 We enjoyed the holiday, but we would rather have stayed at home.
- b** Complete the second sentence with a gerund or infinitive so that it means the same as the first.
- 1 We can't get a taxi because we don't have enough cash.
We don't have enough cash to get a taxi.
 - 2 It won't do you any good to feel guilty about what happened.
It's no good _____ guilty about what happened.
 - 3 He was fed up with his girlfriend telling him what to wear.
He was fed up with _____ what to wear by his girlfriend.
 - 4 It would have been better if the director had informed me personally.
I would rather _____ by the director in person.
 - 5 He's unsure about what he should do after he graduates.
He's unsure about what _____ after he graduates.
 - 6 It is thought that the police are searching the whole area.
The police are thought _____ the whole area.
 - 7 She was the first female prime minister.
She was the first woman _____ elected prime minister.
 - 8 I'm concerned that I haven't been contacted yet.
I'm concerned about _____ yet.

Activation

- Match 1–8 with a–h to make questions, and then discuss with a partner.
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| 1 How easy is it for you | a to have achieved by the end of your life? |
| 2 Do you think there is any point in | b have spent your last holiday differently? |
| 3 What do you hope | c telling a white lie is ever justifiable? |
| 4 Do you think | d dedicating their whole life to their career but neglecting their family? |
| 5 What would it have been like | e regretting something after you've done it? |
| 6 Do you mind | f to have lived 100 years ago? |
| 7 Would you rather | g being asked about your age? |
| 8 Would you admire someone for | h to tell people how you really feel? |

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 5C

GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

a)

2 (right)

3 (wrong) being spoken to

4 (wrong) to have been able

5 (wrong) to understand

6 (right)

7 (wrong) inviting

8 (right)

9 (wrong) to be trying

10 (right)

b)

2 feeling

3 being told

4 have been informed

5 to do

6 to be searching

7 to be / to have been

8 not having been contacted

Activation

1h 2e 3a 4c 5f 6g 7b 8d