

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

53. Would you like **to come** with us? Yes, I love **going** to that place.
54. He kept **asking** for an explanation.
55. I didn't mean **to offend** anyone but somehow I succeeded in **annoying** them all.
56. He never thinks of **getting** out of your way.
57. Do you remember **hearing** the bombs **drop** during the war?
58. I stopped **to ask** the way because we had got lost.
59. He heard the clock **strike / striking** six.
60. We watched the men **saw / sawing** the tree.

2. Complete the sentences with a suitable gerund or to infinitive (possible answers)

1. My friend is afraid of **travelling by plane**
2. I hope **to see** you again soon.
3. We look forward to **visiting** Paris soon.
4. It's no use **to listen** to him.
5. I 'd rather **stay** at a hotel .
6. My mum encouraged me **to apply** for this job.
7. **Speaking** English is very useful.
8. She enjoys **playing** computer games
9. Remember **to brush** your teeth before **going** to bed.
10. The car is so expensive they can't afford **to buy** it.
11. He has decided **to study** mathematics.
12. She is learning **to ride** a bicycle.
13. He refused **to do** his homework.
14. He pretended not **to see** them
15. You must promise not **to tell** this secret to anyone
16. My house is near. It's not worth **taking** the bus
17. He lives by the sea so he often goes **fishing/swimming**.
18. There's a lot of snow so we can go **skiing**
19. That film is good. It is worth **watching** 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 **denied cheating** in the exam
2. It was difficult for me not to laugh at Wendy's letter. **(help)**
I **couldn't help laughing** at Wendy's letter
3. I'm sorry but you have not been appointed to the post. **(regret)**
I **regret to say that** you have not been appointed to the post.
4. I needed a drink of water and so I stopped running. **(to)**
I stopped running **to have a drink of** water.
5. Don't forget the lights when you leave. **(off)**
Don't forget **to turn off the lights** when you leave
6. I can hear voices upstairs. **(talking)**
I **can hear people talking** upstairs
7. My neighbour said he would call the police. **(threatened)**
My neighbour **to call** the police.

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

1. Mary was so angry that she **demanded** to see the manager. (*demand, hope, risk, stop*)
2. The weather is so awful that I don't **fancy** going out tonight. (*fancy, like, try, want*)
3. The children could hardly **bear** to leave their pets behind. (*bear, forget, regret, seem*)
4. You don't **mind** looking after the baby, do you? (*agree, stand, mind, notice*)
5. Do you **happen** to know when this castle was built? (*ask, happen, imagine, like*)
6. John **refused** to let his children go to the concert. (*afford, avoid, refuse, stop*)
7. If I give you the information, I **will risk** losing my job! (*expect, mean, prepare, risk*)
8. What do you **expect** to be doing in ten years' time? (*begin, expect, remember, suggest*)
9. Do you **deny** being at the crime scene at 3.00 o'clock? (*admit, confess, deny, intend*)
10. Why does Basil **keep** 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 **imagine** travelling by space-ship to Mars?
2. The policeman asked me if I **admitted** having stolen the money.
3. **Carry on/go on/keep/keep on** ringing the bell; I'm sure there is someone at home.
4. Don't punish him! He can't **avoid/ help** behaving like a child.
5. My last day in this office! Well, I won't **miss** being here very much.
6. I'll be ready as soon as I've **finished** filling in this form.
7. The lights on my car don't work. Should I **risk/ go on** driving without them?
8. My tea isn't sweet enough. Would you **mind** passing me the sugar?
9. I **detest/ can't stand** 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 **at learning** new languages.
2. Miss Jones, are you busy? Do you feel **like going for** a walk.
3. A holiday in Switzerland! I'm not really looking forward **to climbing** Mt. Blanc.
4. After **studying** economics at university, he got a job with the Ministry of Trade.
5. What a strange custom! I'm not used **to drinking** wine for breakfast.
6. I think I won't succeed **in passing** the exam.
7. The baby fell asleep on her arms and she put him to bed without **waking** him up.
8. He is very fond **of playing** basketball.
9. What about **going** to the cinema?
10. He is fed up **with being** 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. **His parents want him to stay with them.**
2. He encouraged/we/ go camping. **He encouraged us to go camping.**
3. The school forbids/students/ leave the building. **The school forbids students to leave the building.**
4. I would like/ they/ come with us. **I would like them to come with us.**

8. Complete with an adjective (possible answers)

1. She is crying. She is **sorry** to see him go.
2. I was **happy** to win the football pools.
3. They can climb it. They are **able** to do it.
4. You are not **supposed** to fish anything in the fountain.
5. It is **hard** to do this exercise.

9. Translate into English

1. Yo no tenía la intención de herir tus sentimientos
I didn't mean to hurt your feelings.
2. Yo quiero que él estudie más.
I want him to study more
3. Fumar es malo para la salud.
Smoking is bad your health
4. No soy muy bueno en aprender nuevos idiomas.
I'm not good at learning new languages
5. ¿Puedes imaginarte vivir en la luna?
Can you imagine living on the moon?
6. Lo escuché tocar el piano.
I Heard him play / playing the piano
7. Estoy cansada de escribir.
I'm tired of writing
8. Ella fingió no vernos.
She pretended not to see us
9. Tú nos aconsejaste no ir a Londres.
You advised us not to go to London
10. Nos hizo dibujar una iglesia.
He made us draw a church
11. Me encanta ir al cine pero preferiría ir al teatro hoy.
I love going/to go to the cinema but I'd prefer to go to the theatre today.
12. ¿Has empezado a estudiar? Ya es muy tarde.
Have you started/begun studying/to study? It is already very late.
13. ¿Te gusta nadar? Hace mucha calor y podríamos ir a la playa.
Do you like swimming / to swim? It is very hot and we could go to the beach.
14. Odia ver la tele pero le gustaría ir a ese nuevo concurso.
He hates watching/to watch TV but he'd like to go to that new contest.
15. Nadar en un río es difícil.
Swimming in a river is difficult
16. Dormir en una tienda de campaña es incómodo.
Sleeping in a tent is uncomfortable.
17. Coleccionar monedas es ridículo.
Collecting coins is ridiculous.
18. Viajar en avión es más rápido que viajar en coche.
Travelling by plane is faster than travelling by car.
19. Trabajar en una fábrica es más aburrido que trabajar en una oficina.
Working in a factory is more boring than working in an office.
20. Hablar inglés es bastante útil para viajar al extranjero.
Speaking English is quite useful to travel abroad.
21. ¿Has probado a beber esa nueva cerveza? No, no me gusta beber.
Have you try drinking that new beer? No, I don't like drinking
22. ¡Deja de leer y escúchame! Esos niños tienen que dejar de escuchar la radio para hacer la tarea.
Stop Reading and listen to me! Those boys must stop listening to the radio to do the homework
23. ¿Olvidaste apagar la tele?
Did you forget turning off the TV?
24. Mi padre no me deja (3) beber vino.
My father doesn't allow / permit me to drink wine. My father doesn't let me drink wine
25. Lo vio cantar en aquel pub.
She saw him sing / singing in that pub
26. No los oí llegar la pasada noche.
I didn't hear them arrive / arriving last night
27. El coche necesita ser reparado.
The car needs to be repaired

28. Preferiríamos ir con ellos.

We would prefer going with them

29. Voy a dejar de fumar mañana.

I'm going to give up smoking tomorrow.

30. No puede soportar ir allí.

He can't stand going there.

31. Acabaron de escribir eso.

They finished writing that.

32. Nos recordó que apagáramos la tele.

He reminded us to turn off the television.

33. Les aconsejé que estudiaran más.

I advised them to study harder.

34. Le pedí que condujera más despacio.

I asked him to drive more slowly.

35. Nos invitó a cenar el sábado.

He invited us to have dinner on Saturday.

36. Quiero que leas ese libro. Es bastante interesante.

I want you to read that book. It's quite interesting.

37. Le dijiste a Peter que no fuera de compras.

You told Peter not to go shopping.

38. Las paredes necesitan pintarse.

The walls need to be painted

39. No lo dejan salir el Sábado.

They don't allow / permit him to go out on Saturday. - They don't let him go out on Saturday. He isn't allowed to go out on Saturday.

40. Los vimos cruzar el río.

We saw them cross / crossing the river

41. Olieron algo quemarse.

They smelt / smelled something burn / burning.

42. La hizo reír.

He made her laugh

43. Lo mejor que puedes hacer es ir al médico.

The best thing you can do is go to the doctor

44. Déjame ir

Let me go. - Allow me to go

45. Preferiría quedarme en casa.

I would prefer to stay at home