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Grammar Exercise - Gerunds and Infinitives

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences using either the infinitive or gerund form of the verb.

As she went to sleep, she began 1. _____ (realise) how much she missed her parents. It was cold outside. She would prefer 2. _____ (be) back home where the weather was warmer. She started 3. _____ (understand) what her dad meant when he said there was "no place like home." She decided 4. _____ (open) her little box. In it she kept all of her favourite belongings and things that reminded her of home. She couldn't help 5. _____ (cry) when she looked at all of these things.

She couldn't bear 6. _____ (think) about what the weather would be like tomorrow. She loved 7. _____ (hike), but this was not what she expected. The mountains were a lot bigger than she had expected and the weather was a lot colder.

Yesterday when they had hiked, they were hit by a strong wind. She felt like 8. _____ (jump) off right there and then and no longer 9. _____ (carry) on with her journey. Once everyone had convinced her that the worst of it had passed, she carried on. At the end of the day they had to work together as a team. She had no choice.

Even the lunch she ate was horrible. She had prepared for months beforehand, getting used to the taste of pre packaged meals, but the water had seeped into the packets, 10. _____ (cause) the food to taste off. She kept 11. _____ (think) about home food and this made her even more upset. She couldn't wait 12. _____ (be) back at home.

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences using either the infinitive or gerund form of the verb.

1. He forgot _____ (bring) his wallet, so I paid for dinner.
2. She had completely forgotten _____ (come) to this place as a child.
3. They really regret not _____ (go) to lectures during their year at university.
4. "I regret _____ (inform) you that the tube is closed with immediate effect."
5. Did you remember _____ (pack) your swimsuit? Our guide has told us that there will be waterfalls on this tour.
6. Do you remember _____ (be) stuck in that traffic jam the last time we decided to go to the beach?
7. Try _____ (turn) the key the other way, to see if the door will unlock then.
8. He wants _____ (go) and watch his favourite team win!
9. She dreads _____ (think) of work tomorrow. She doesn't even have an outfit ready.
10. She wants _____ (call) in sick because she would rather watch the tennis.

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences using either the infinitive or gerund form of the verb.

1. I can't stand her _____ (complain) all the time.
2. Our teacher won't allow us _____ (use) tippex in examinations.
3. We advised him _____ (take) the taxi, instead of the tube, as there were long delays.
4. Traffic wardens don't allow _____ (park) without a ticket.
5. He prefers _____ (eat) his mum's food, but he'll never tell his wife that!
6. He doesn't like the smell of people _____ (smoke).
7. The government urges everyone _____ (vote).
8. They don't recommend _____ (book) holidays to countries where war is rife.
9. The authorities don't permit _____ (act) like that in public.