

1 Complete the sentences with the pairs of verbs in brackets. Use *-ing* for one verb, and the correct tense for the other.

- You should always *update* your CV when *applying* for jobs. (update, apply for)
- Before _____ as an engineer, Yuri _____ a top chef. (work, be)
- These blinds _____ for _____ the sun out in summer. It gets so hot. (be, keep)
- I always _____ more relaxed after _____ a hot shower. (feel, take)
- She usually _____ to music while _____ her homework. (listen, do)
- She _____ the interviewers by _____ all their questions last week. (impress, answer)
- Since _____ this morning, what _____ you actually _____? (wake up, do)
- He always _____ his shoes without _____ the laces. (take off, untie)

2 Rewrite the sentences with the *-ing* form at the beginning.

- I'm a flight attendant, so I travel to lots of cities.
Being a flight attendant, I travel to lots of cities.
- Clive left his job, because he felt it was time for a change.
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- While Gus was reading the contract, he noticed they were offering him less pay.
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- She's from the USA, so she can only work here for six months.
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- Tom started the job, and he didn't know what he was doing.
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- Since she earned a big salary, Sarah was able to pay off her mortgage.
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- Because he doesn't have a job right now, Max has got lots of free time.
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- When she realised she'd got the job, Teresa shouted 'Yes!'.
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3 Correct the mistakes in bold in the sentences. Write the correct words.

- I'm very grateful to you. Thank you for **let** us stay in your flat during that week. *letting*
- It develops your imagination and it helps you **getting** used to **write** and **speak** more accurately.
- I'm looking forward to **see** you soon.
- Excuse me. I'm interested **to do** a course here.
- They advised me **bringing** some warm clothes.
- I've just realised. We left without **pay** the bill. We have to go back.
- I recommend you **watching** that movie. It's really good.
- There's no point **to worry** about it now.

4 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- Before going to bed last night, I (did what?)
- If I lived abroad, I'd miss (doing what?)
- Without knowing any English, I (couldn't do what?)
- I've never enjoyed (doing what?)
- After finishing this worksheet, I (am going to do what?)
- I'm fed up with people (doing what?)

5 Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the *-ing* form, the infinitive with *to*, or the infinitive without *to*.

My dad has the craziest job. He washes windows on skyscrapers! Now, ¹ *hanging* (hang) from a rope 200 metres above the ground isn't my idea of fun, but ² (not be) scared of heights, it doesn't bother my father at all. He asked me if I wanted ³ (join) him one day. 'Are you mad?' I said. I'd rather ⁴ (jump) out of a plane, at least I'd ⁵ (have) a parachute. I've asked him if he ever feels nervous before ⁶ (go) up there. 'Never', he says. 'There's no point ⁷ (feel) nervous. Life's too short.' 'So you're not scared of ⁸ (fall)?' I ask. 'Why would I do a stupid thing like that?' he says.

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- 2 working, had been/was
- 3 are, keeping
- 4 feel, taking
- 5 listens, doing
- 6 impressed, answering
- 7 waking, have (you actually) done?
- 8 takes off, untying

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- 2 Clive left his job, feeling it was time for a change.
- 3 Reading the contract, Gus noticed they were offering him less pay.
- 4 Being from the USA, she can only work here for six months.
- 5 Tom started the job, not knowing what he was doing. / Starting the job, Tom didn't know what he was doing.
- 6 Earning a big salary, Sarah was able to pay off her mortgage.
- 7 Not having a job right now, Max has got lots of free time.
- 8 Realising she'd got the job, Teresa shouted, 'Yes!'.

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- 2 (to) get, writing, speaking
- 3 seeing
- 4 in doing
- 5 to bring
- 6 paying
- 7 watch
- 8 (in) worrying

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Students' own answers.

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- 2 not being
- 3 to join
- 4 jump
- 5 have
- 6 going
- 7 feeling
- 8 falling