

30.2

Complete these sentences using an appropriate form of a verb from (i), a preposition from (ii) (you will need to use some of these more than once), and an –ing form from (iii).

- (i) **adjust close ~~concentrate~~ hear own up rely start out stop**
(ii) **by from of on to**
(iii) **closing driving ~~getting~~ playing sailing smoking thanking winning**

- 1 I need to hand in the essay tomorrow, so I've got to concentrate on *getting it finished* today.
- 2 I'd like to _____ all those responsible for organising what has been a very successful conference.
- 3 Many visitors to Britain find it difficult at first to _____ on the left.
- 4 The injury _____ him _____ tennis for 6 months.
- 5 Charles Hall _____ a small dinghy on the local lake, and he has now completed a single-handed yacht journey around the world.
- 6 You shouldn't _____ the lottery to solve your financial problems.
- 7 The first I _____ the factory _____ was on the radio last night.
- 8 Although they first denied it, the boys eventually _____ in the school playground.

30.3

Consider which verb form is more likely and why, and underline it.

- 1 I heard the tyre *burst/bursting* and then the lorry skidded across the road.
- 2 Karl noticed someone *watch/watching* him from an upstairs window.
- 3 She felt the bee *sting/stinging* her just before she brushed it off her arm.
- 4 With a good telescope you can see the eagles *feed/feeding* their chicks in the nest.

31.1

Choose one of the verbs in brackets to complete each sentence.

1 (*threatened / told*)

- a My mother _____ me to throw away my old toys.
- b My mother _____ to throw away my old toys.

2 (*allowed / offered*)

- a They _____ to visit Janet in hospital
- b They _____ us to visit Janet in hospital.

3 (*managed / persuaded*)

- a I _____ to carry the heavy boxes up the stairs.
- b I _____ Nigel to carry the heavy boxes up the stairs.

4 (*agreed / encouraged*)

- a She _____ Jack to help in the garden.
- b She _____ to help in the garden.

5 (*pretended / reminded*)

- a I _____ her to tidy up the house.
- b I _____ to tidy up the house.

6 (*advised / hoped*)

- a Brian _____ to study economics at university.
- b Brian _____ me to study economics at university.

31.2

Complete the sentences with a preposition in the first space and one of the following verbs in the second. Use either a *to-infinitive* or *passive form of the to-infinitive*.

bring do finish get off ~~lend~~ lose provide release stay

- 1 I knew I could count *on* you *to lend* me some money.
- 2 Mary felt ill and she longed _____ the meeting _____ so that she could go home.
- 3 I will never give up campaigning _____ my brother _____ from prison. I know he is innocent.
- 4 He signalled _____ the waiter _____ the bill.

- 5 She kept on _____ me _____ the weight, so I've gone on a diet.
- 6 The earthquake has left many thousands homeless and the government has appealed _____ aid agencies _____ tents, blankets and food.
- 7 I screamed _____ the children _____ the railway line.
- 8 The shower isn't working in my hotel room. I'll have to ask _____ something _____ about it.
- 9 Following the fire at the chemical factory, the police called _____ people _____ in their houses with their windows closed.

31.3

Use the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences with *verb+negative to-infinitive/negative -ing form, verb+to have+past participle or verb+having +past participle*.

- 1 I _____ anyone Jack's address. (*agree – not tell*)
- 2 The prisoners _____ through a broken window last night. (*think – escape*)
- 3 I _____ him at the conference. (*not recall – see*)
- 4 He _____ any stolen property. (*deny – receive*)
- 5 He _____ as the person who donated the money. (*ask – not name*)
- 6 The Etruscans _____ in Italy in the 8th or 9th century BC. (*believe – arrive*)
- 7 I am sure my purse was on the table a few minutes ago, but now it _____ . (*seem – disappear*)
- 8 She _____ all the way back home. (*not feel like – walk*)

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Underline the correct alternatives. Sometimes both are possible.

- 1 He insisted *to pay* / *on paying* for the meal.
- 2 The interviewer started off *to ask* / *by asking* me why I wanted the job.
- 3 I can clearly recall *his saying* / *him saying* that he was meeting Sarah at eight o'clock.
- 4 The university has *arranged* / *appointed* Dr Charles to be head of the new Medical Institute.
- 5 I knew I could *ask* / *count* on Philip if I needed any help.

- 6 My parents are always going on *at me to tidy / for to tidy* up my bedroom.
- 7 The ticket enables you *visiting / to visit* both the museum and the art gallery.
- 8 Karen is so small that she often has to resort to *wearing children's clothes / children's clothes* to get the right size.
- 9 We objected to *their cat / their cat's* digging up our garden.
- 10 The government plans to bring in new laws *forcing / making* parents to take more responsibility for the education of their children.
- 11 I don't approve of *her smoking / smoking*.
- 12 Johnson was arrested when he failed *him to appear / to appear* in court.
- 13 If you have any problems with the computer, contact Simon. It's best if you *allow / let* him deal with it.
- 14 I've heard a lot about Dr James, and I'm looking forward *to hearing / to hear* his talk tomorrow.
- 15 Although Patricia is a doctor herself, it doesn't *entitle her to / entitle for her to* special treatment, and she will have to join the waiting list like everyone else.
- 16 We *waited / waited for* the storm to pass before we continued.
- 17 When I was in the supermarket I *noticed a man to take / noticed a man take* some food off the shelf and hide it in his coat.
- 18 We *invited / refused* Liz to come to the party.
- 19 I overheard her *tell / telling* Jack that she was seriously ill.
- 20 She gave up work so that she could focus on *looking / look* after her children.
- 21 We were unhappy in England, and even *discussed / talked* of emigrating to New Zealand.
- 22 The lizard is amazingly well adapted *to live / to living* in very dry and windy conditions.
- 23 An increase in the price of petrol would discourage *me from using / from using* my car.