Tests

A Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

1 You know they don't allow _____ in here.
a eat and drink b you eat and drink c to eat and drink d eating and drinking

2 He never _____ doing that.
a agreed b concentrated c mentioned d persuaded

3 Flights kept _____ because of bad weather.
a delaying b being delayed c having delayed d having been delayed

4 In my dream, Brad Pitt offered me a ride on his motorbike and I told him I'd rather _____.
a walk b walking c walked d to walk

5 Mrs Jacobson reminded us of the importance _____ our passports in a safe place.
a keep b keeping c to keep d of keeping

B Identify the one underlined expression (A, B, C or D) that must be changed in order to correct the sentences.

1 I really do regret not <u>to learn</u> (A) <u>to play</u> (B) the piano when I had so many opportunities <u>to learn</u> (C) and <u>practise</u> (D) in school.

2 When I asked the students <u>to help me move</u> (A) the chairs, some girls <u>volunteered to carry</u> (B) one each for me and some boys <u>offered to take</u> (C) the others, but Mark <u>refused me to help</u> (D) at all.

3 When we're <u>ready to leave</u> (A) the house, my mother always <u>tells us wait</u> (B) while she checks in the kitchen because she's <u>afraid to go</u> (C) out <u>without making</u> (D) sure everything is turned off.

4 I will never forget <u>to visit</u> (A) Egypt as a child. It was so exciting <u>to stand</u> (B) beside the pyramids. When it was time for us <u>to go</u> (C) home, my parents say I cried and begged them <u>not to leave</u> (D).

5 It really is better <u>to ask</u> (A) for help instead of <u>pretending to know</u> (B) how <u>to do</u> (C) something when you are probably not capable <u>to do</u> (D) it at all.

C Add these pairs of verbs to this text, with the first verb in an appropriate tense and the second verb as an infinitive or gerund.

allow / go *assume / be* *hear / sneeze* *remember / tell* *smell / burn*

I had just arrived at the International Adventure Camp in Florida. They had spent the afternoon assigning us to our cabins and telling us all the rules. The evening meal was pizza. Now it was after ten o'clock and we were all (1) _____ in bed asleep. I was still awake, stretched out on the uncomfortable camp bed, when I (2) _____ someone _____ outside the cabin window. Just once, then silence. I (3) _____ the camp leader _____ us that we weren't (4) _____ outside after dark. Someone was breaking that rule. Then I thought I could (5) _____ a cigarette _____. There was another rule against that.

D Complete each sentence, using an infinitive or gerund, in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence above it.

1 It's sometimes hard finding a place to park.
A place to park _____

2 Is keeping all these old files really necessary?
Is it really necessary _____

3 He shouldn't buy a new car now.
It would be a mistake for _____

4 Amy was bitten by a dog when she was very young and she still remembers it.
Amy still remembers _____

5 The boy said that he hadn't done anything wrong.
The boy denied _____

E Add one of these verbs as an infinitive or gerund in each space in this text.

go *look* *put* *start* *regain*
do *keep* *lose* *stop* *try*

If it's so hard to lose weight, why do people keep (1) _____? Because they want (2) _____ better is the usual answer. The problem is that going on a diet is likely (3) _____ more harm than good, according to health experts. There is a strong tendency (4) _____ all the weight lost within one year of (5) _____ the diet. Only 3 per cent of those who take off weight have been found (6) _____ it off for at least three years. Moreover, the 'yo-yo' pattern of (7) _____ a diet, (8) _____ some weight and then (9) _____ it back on may be more harmful to an individual than not (10) _____ on a diet in the first place.