

## Gerunds vs. infinitives

**TASK 1** Complete the sentences using the verbs in the brackets.

- 1 How old were you when you **learnt to drive**? (*learn, drive*)
- 2 I don't \_\_\_\_\_ home but I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi. (*mind, walk*), (*get*)
- 3 I can't make a decision. I \_\_\_\_\_ my mind. (*keep, change*)
- 4 He had made his decision and \_\_\_\_\_ his mind. (*refuse, change*)
- 5 Why did you change your decision? What \_\_\_\_\_ your mind? (*make, you, change*)
- 6 It was a really good holiday. I really \_\_\_\_\_ by the sea again. (*enjoy, be*)
- 7 Did I really tell you I was unhappy? I don't \_\_\_\_\_ that. (*remember, say*)
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Tom tomorrow. OK, I won't forget. (*remember, phone*)
- 9 The water here is not very good. I'd \_\_\_\_\_ it if I were you. (*avoid, drink*)
- 10 I \_\_\_\_\_ in the conversation but really it was very boring. (*pretend, to be interested*)
- 11 I got up and looked out of the window \_\_\_\_\_ what the weather was like. (*see*)
- 12 I have a friend who \_\_\_\_\_ five languages. (*claim, be able, speak*)
- 13 At first it was difficult but now I \_\_\_\_\_ 50 hours a week. (*use, work*)
- 14 Steve \_\_\_\_\_ football. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ because of an injury. (*use, play*), (*stop, play*)
- 15 After \_\_\_\_\_ by the police, the man \_\_\_\_\_ the car but \_\_\_\_\_ at 100 miles per hour. (*stop*) , (*admit, steal*), (*deny, drive*)
- 16 How do you \_\_\_\_\_ ? (*make, this machine, work*)  
I'm not sure, \_\_\_\_\_ that button and see what happens. (*try, press*)

**TASK 2** Put the verbs and *any other words* in brackets into the correct form. You may add the necessary auxiliary verbs, prepositions and particles. Use the verbs in the brackets in the given order. Use the passive where necessary.

1. Policy makers \_\_\_\_\_ (force, think) of market pitfalls and (consider, develop) profitable strategies. (PRESENT CONTINUOUS)
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (be used, encourage, improve) our job performance on a daily basis. (PRESENT SIMPLE)
3. The recruitment staff \_\_\_\_\_ (object, submit) the application form incomplete. (PRESENT PERFECT)
4. Unless they stop taking illegal steps, they \_\_\_\_\_ (risk, repeal, and, find) guilty. (PRESENT SIMPLE)

5. We are cautious. We \_\_\_\_\_ (break, not) safety regulations. (PRESENT SIMPLE)
6. His administration \_\_\_\_\_ (neglect, protect, *the citizens*, attack) on their homeland. (PRESENT PERFECT)
7. The Secretary of the State \_\_\_\_\_ (deny, involve) negotiations with AL-Kaida. (PAST SIMPLE)
8. His business associate \_\_\_\_\_ (suggest, commit - not, meet) humanitarian needs in the most corrupt areas. (PAST SIMPLE)
9. She is an admirable worker. She never \_\_\_\_\_ (avoid, confront) with the challenge. (PRESENT SIMPLE)
10. I will quit this job as I \_\_\_\_\_ (can - not, get used, make) to promote faulty products. (PRESENT SIMPLE)