

Full infinitives (with to) and -ing forms after verbs

Look again at *Grammar database 8* on page 183 before doing these exercises.

1 Complete the text using the correct form (infinitive or -ing) of the verbs in brackets.

OUR CAMPING HOLIDAY

Because we had the house redecorated in the winter, Mum and Dad couldn't afford for us all (1) _____ (travel) abroad for our holiday so we agreed (2) _____ (go) camping for the first time. We all seemed (3) _____ (like) the idea as we all enjoy (4) _____ (try) new things. All of us had wanted (5) _____ (visit) the Welsh countryside as we had heard it was very beautiful. It took us six hours (6) _____ (drive) there and as soon as we arrived it started (7) _____ (rain). While we were attempting (8) _____ (put up) our tents in the rain, my father caught his leg in the rope and fell in the mud! I couldn't help (9) _____ (laugh)! The rain soon stopped and the sun came out and it didn't stop (10) _____ (shine) for the rest of the holiday. We had a great time!

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 The airline is considering **to cancel** / **cancelling** all flights to Melbourne.
- 2 I tried **to persuade** / **persuading** my parents to let me go on holiday with my friends.
- 3 We expect **to arrive** / **arriving** in Madrid at about six in the morning.
- 4 Helen regrets **to go** / **going** to India because it was too hot for her.
- 5 On the way to the beach, we stopped **to have** / **having** lunch at a traditional Greek taverna.
- 6 Jim forgot **to bring** / **bringing** his passport so he had to fly the next day and meet us there.
- 7 After seeing Paris, we went on **to visit** / **visiting** Rome.
- 8 I will always remember **to see** / **seeing** my first sunset on the Greek island of Santorini.

3 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I really enjoyed _____ (tell) her about my holiday. She was so jealous!
- 2 Michael suggested _____ (go) to South Africa for their honeymoon.
- 3 The tourists were very interested in _____ (see) the ancient monuments.
- 4 Margaret is not looking forward to _____ (fly) in an aeroplane for the first time.
- 5 The twins' parents promised _____ (take) them to Disneyland if they passed their exams.
- 6 When Dean finishes _____ (study) for his exams, he is going to travel around the world.
- 7 They failed _____ (find) a hotel because it was so late.
- 8 Whenever it is raining, I imagine myself _____ (lie) on a hot sandy beach.