

C Grammar exercises

1 Complete this conversation using the verbs in brackets.



- Andy:** I've decided (1) to leave (*leave*) my job next month.
- Sally:** But I thought you enjoyed (2) _____ (*work*) in an architect's office.
- Andy:** Oh, I do. But I feel like (3) _____ (*do*) something different for a while.
- Sally:** Didn't you promise (4) _____ (*stay*) there at least two years?
- Andy:** Yes, I did but I just can't stand (5) _____ (*work*) with those people. One of them refuses (6) _____ (*stop*) talking while she works, another one keeps (7) _____ (*sing*) to himself. And then there's a man who attempts (8) _____ (*tell*) awful jokes all the time, which he always gets wrong. I detest (9) _____ (*work*) with all that noise around me.
- Sally:** It sounds quite a cheerful place to me. Can't you manage (10) _____ (*ignore*) them and get on with your work?
- Andy:** No, I can't. I just can't carry on (11) _____ (*go*) there every day. I'm hoping (12) _____ (*go*) abroad for a bit.
- Sally:** Well, good luck.

2 Choose the correct form of the verb.

- 1 I noticed the man drop / *dropping* / *to drop* his ticket so I picked it up for him.
- 2 The tour guide advised the tourists not *take* / *taking* / *to take* too much money out of the hotel with them.
- 3 I heard the horses *come* / *coming* / *to come* down the lane so I waited for them to pass before driving on.
- 4 The old man said he would love *have* / *having* / *to have* the chance to fly in an aeroplane again.
- 5 Don't make the children *come* / *coming* / *to come* with us to the shops if they don't want to.
- 6 I saw the boy *jump* / *jumping* / *to jump* into the lake before anyone could stop him.
- 7 I recommend *phone* / *phoning* / *to phone* the restaurant before you set off.
- 8 We were so pleased *hear* / *hearing* / *to hear* that Josh can come to the wedding after all.
- 9 The school only allows students *eat* / *eating* / *to eat* in the dining room.
- 10 It was my drama teacher who encouraged me *become* / *becoming* / *to become* an actor.

3 Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

book buy chat finish get go inform leave lend make send throw watch wear write

- 1 If I go to my friend's wedding it will mean buying a new dress.
- 2 Please try _____ to the airport in good time – I'll be nervous if I don't see you when I come into the arrivals hall.
- 3 Will you stop _____ that noise? I'm trying _____ this book before I go to bed.
- 4 I forgot _____ a table at the restaurant and it was full when we got there, so we had to wait for ages.
- 5 The children went on _____ their ball against the wall, although they had been told several times to stop.
- 6 We regret _____ you that the course you applied for is now full.
- 7 Tommy says he doesn't know where my jacket is, but I clearly remember _____ it to him.
- 8 When you go out of the hotel, remember _____ the room key with reception because we've only got one between us.
- 9 Why don't you try _____ sunglasses? Then you might not get so many headaches.
- 10 I saw Philip when I was in the park so I stopped _____ to him.
- 11 I meant _____ you a text when I got to the hotel but I didn't have time.
- 12 I regret not _____ to Egypt with my sister because she says it was a really great trip.
- 13 After getting a degree in biology, my son went on _____ a book about monkeys.
- 14 I'll never forget _____ the sun come up over the mountains when I was in the Himalayas.

4 Some of these sentences by Cambridge First candidates have mistakes. If a sentence is correct, mark it with a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, mark it with a cross (X) and correct it.

- 1 Not all of the students can afford ~~going~~ abroad on the trip. x to go
- 2 I hope to visit the museum the next time I visit you. ✓
- 3 He pretended knowing nothing about it, but I knew he did. _____
- 4 The guard refused to sell me a half-price ticket for the journey. _____
- 5 I didn't feel well, but I managed getting downstairs. _____
- 6 Famous people deserve to have a private life without journalists following them everywhere. _____
- 7 He wrote the letter because he wanted to avoid to be found out. _____
- 8 I don't know why the teachers delayed to tell us the results. _____
- 9 I don't feel like going camping because I like holidays where I can relax. _____
- 10 I think that a lot of women dislike going shopping. _____
- 11 I've put off writing you this letter for months, but finally here it is. _____
- 12 They suggested to take the trip to Williamstown on the first day. _____