

## Gerunds and infinitives 1; Gerunds and infinitives 2

## 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb given.

- Some people forget things because the brain fails ..... the item from memory. (collect)
- If you want to improve your memory, I suggest ..... some simple exercises every day. (do)
- Jane volunteered ..... in a memory development experiment. (take part)
- I recommend ..... that film as some of the scenery is mesmerising. (watch)
- Don't give up ..... to learn the poem just because you find it difficult. (try)
- My memory isn't very good. I always forget ..... things unless I make a list. (do)

## 2 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs. There is one extra verb.

build up • help • meet • remember • think •  
watch • watch

Would you like (1) ..... *Fifty First Dates*? Drew Barrymore stars as Lucy. She had a car accident on October 13, 2002 and has no memory of anything after that. Every day she seems (2) ..... it's October 13. Adam Sandler plays Henry, who meets her after the accident. Due to her memory loss, he has to go on (3) ..... her every day while he tries (4) ..... up a friendship. At first, Lucy's family don't like him. However, when they realise that he is a good friend, they decide (5) ..... him. If you like (6) ..... old comedies or romantic films then this is a film for you.

## 3 Choose the best answer (a, b or c).

- You'll catch a cold ..... only a T-shirt in this weather.  
a wearing      b to wear      c wear
- We can't persuade him ..... any more tests on his memory.  
a do      b to do      c doing
- I didn't notice them ..... as I was too busy watching the show.  
a to leave      b leaving      c having left
- If someone shows me how to do something, it helps me ..... the action more quickly.  
a understand      b understanding      c not understand
- The teacher makes him ..... every day as he says that is the best way to learn.  
a practising      b to practise      c practise
- Let's encourage him ..... another song for tomorrow's concert.  
a learn      b to learn      c learning

## 4 Find and correct the sentences with mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- I overheard a teacher to talk about the exam results.
- The teacher has authorised us set the class homework this week.
- Our teacher inspired me reading more literature.
- He warned them not leave their revision to the last minute.
- I found them writing up the results of their experiment in the laboratory.
- She chose a place to study which was too noisy for me.

## 5 Complete the text with a verb from box 1 and a verb from box 2 in each space.

admit • admitted • appear • consider •  
hear someone • hears someone • likes •  
remember • seem • want

being • doing • feeling • hearing • saying •  
speaking • tasting • to be • to hear •  
to go on living

## Synaesthesia: the new sense?

Have you ever heard of synaesthesia? It's a condition where the reaction of one sense results in experiences in a second sense. Some people (1) ..... a food and hearing a sound as a result. Others (2) ..... sounds when they smell something. There (3) ..... quite a few 'synaesthetes' (people with this condition) around the world. A lot of people have quite a mild form. For instance, when they (4) ....., they visualise the words in specific colours. However, others have stronger forms. James Wannerton, president of the UK Synaesthesia Association, has a very strong condition. Sounds, words and colours have taste and texture to him. He can't (5) ..... hungry because he always feels like he has something in his mouth. For example, when he (6) ..... the name Audrey, it conjures up the flavour and texture of a tin of tomatoes. Quite a few synaesthetes are well-known and it's possible that their talent is aided by having synaesthesia. Daniel Tammet is a savant who (7) ..... high-level maths and knows 11 languages. Numerous musicians, including Ed Sheeran, Pharrell Williams and Lady Gaga, have (8) ..... music and seeing colour.

When you ask a synaesthete if they want this condition to change, they usually say no because it is normal to them, and they want to (9) ..... the way they're used to. Perhaps the real question is how we can describe what we (10) ..... normal.