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EPISODE 20: ZOOS

ACTIVITY SHEET

Practise and consolidate your learning about infinitives by completing our activities. Remember to refer to the study notes if you need help.

ACTIVITY 1

Complete the following sentences with either the gerund or infinitive form of the verb in brackets.

1. Has Michiko cons	idered (study) English in Sydney?
2. I avoid	_ (travel) through the city during rush hour.
3. When did you sto	p (buy) the bouquet?
4. We decided	(postpone) our trip to Canada until the off-season.
5. Try	(listen) to their concerns for a change.
6. I tried	(listen) to the program but there was too much static.
7. John admitted	(take) the car without permission.
8. The post office pr	omised (deliver) the package tomorrow.
9. He tended	(avoid) the topic because it brought back painful memories
10. Jim denied	(smoke) on the school premises.



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ACTIVITY 2

Choose the appropriate verb in either the gerund or infinitive form to complete the sentence.

to take	taking	to watch	watching	to inform	
informing	to relax	relaxing	to play	playing	

1. I regret	management of the problem. It has made the situation worse.
2. I tried	_ my muscles but that's easier said than done.
3. Being a skilled batsr	nan, Bob went on for the national team.
4. I stopped	some pictures.
5. I remembered	Survival yesterday. It's my favourite television program.
6. Try th	e night before the test.
7. James stopped	the medication after the surgery.
8. Richard went on	golf despite the thunder and lightning.
9. We remembered	the sunsets every afternoon of our holidays in Fiji.
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- 3. When did you stop to buy the bouquet?
- 4. We decided to postpone our trip to Canada until the off-season.
- 5. Try **listening** to their concerns for a change.
- 6. I tried to listen to the program but there was too much static.
- 7. John admitted **taking** the car without permission.
- 8. The post office promised to deliver the package tomorrow.
- 9. He tended **to avoid** the topic because it brought back painful memories.
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ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

Choose the appropriate verb in either the gerund or infinitive form to complete the sentence.

to take	taking	to watch	watching	to inform
informing	to relax	relaxing	to play	playing

- 1. I regret **informing** management of the problem. It has made the situation worse.
- 2. I tried to relax my muscles but that's easier said than done.
- 3. Being a skilled batsman, Bob went on to play for the national team.
- 4. I stopped to take some pictures.
- 5. I remembered to watch Survival yesterday. It's my favourite television program.
- 6. Try **relaxing** the night before the test.
- 7. James stopped **taking** the medication after the surgery.
- 8. Richard went on **playing** golf despite the thunder and lightning.
- 9. We remembered watching the sunsets every afternoon of our holidays in Fiji.
- 10. I regret to inform you that your application for the MBA program has been unsuccessful.

