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Basics. Verbs with Gerunds and Infinitives: Meaning Changes

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Gerund | Infinitive | Past tense | Verb | Simple tense

1. Help Detective Barnaby complete his case notes about the missing donuts by choosing the correct verb forms.

The bakery owner stated, "I clearly remember _____ the door last night."

However, security footage shows him leaving the shop, and then he stopped _____ a newspaper across the street, leaving the door wide open!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** locking
- **B)** to lock
- **C)** lock

Blank 2

- **A)** to buy
- **B)** buying
- **C)** buy

2. Choose the best advice for an office worker battling a possessed printer.

If the printer keeps giving you that weird error message, try ___ it from the wall and plugging it back in.

Select one.

- **A)** to unplug
- **B)** unplugging
- **C)** unplug
- **D)** unplugged

3. Read the absent-minded professor's diary. Select ALL the sentences that correctly describe his memory!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I clearly remember locking the laboratory door this morning.
- **B)** I must remember to lock the laboratory door when I leave tonight.
- **C)** I will never forget to meet my brilliant wife for the first time.
- **D)** I forgot bringing my umbrella today, so I need to go back home and get it.

4. Help the actor finish their rather painful trip down memory lane.

I clearly remember ___ over my own feet while playing a tree in the middle school play.

Select one.

- **A)** tripping
- **B)** to trip
- **C)** trip
- **D)** tripped

5. Help the detective review the witness statements! Select ALL the sentences that use the verb "stop" correctly based on logic and grammar.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The thief stopped to catch his breath while running away.
- **B)** The thief stopped running when the police surrounded him.
- **C)** The thief stopped to run when the police surrounded him.
- **D)** The thief stopped catching his breath while running away.

6. Complete the marathon runner's blog post by dragging the correct verb forms into the blanks.

Around mile 15, I was so exhausted that I had to stop _____ some water. After finishing the race, I promised myself I would stop _____ junk food to maintain my fitness.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** drinking
- **B)** to drink
- **C)** drink

Blank 2

- **A)** to eat
- **B)** eating
- **C)** eat

7. Help the melodramatic actor finish his theatrical farewell letter to his director.

"I regret _____ you that I am quitting the play immediately.

Furthermore, I deeply regret _____ the role of the Giant Chicken in the first place!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to inform
- **B)** informing
- **C)** inform

Blank 2

- **A)** accepting
- **B)** to accept
- **C)** accept

8. Complete the astronaut's diary entry about their first spacewalk by dragging the correct verbs into the blanks.

I will never forget _____ down at the Earth from orbit; it was breathtaking. Unfortunately, I was so distracted that I forgot _____ on my microphone, so mission control couldn't hear me!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to look
- **B)** looking
- **C)** look

Blank 2

- **A)** turning
- **B)** to turn
- **C)** turn

9. Complete the tech support chat log by choosing the best verb forms for this chaotic customer interaction.

Customer: "I forgot _____ my laptop last night, and now it won't turn on."

Agent: "Since the battery might be completely drained, try _____ it into a different wall outlet to see if that helps."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to charge
- **B)** charging
- **C)** charge

Blank 2

- **A)** plugging
- **B)** to plug
- **C)** plug

10. Complete the hungry traveler's text message.

We had been driving for four hours straight, so we finally stopped ___ some highly questionable gas station sushi.

Select one.

- **A)** buying
- **B)** to buy
- **C)** buy
- **D)** bought