

Basics. Verbs of Perception: Bare Infinitive vs. Gerund

Medium

B1 | Intermediate

Gerund

Infinitive

Object

Participle

Sentence

Verb

1. Help the detective record the witness's exact statement about the clumsy thief.

"I watched the thief ____ the diamond and put it in his pocket," the witness testified.

Select one.

- A) to take
- B) take
- C) taking
- D) took

2. Help the wildlife photographer finish his field notes by choosing the correct verbs to complete the funny story.

I was hiding in the bushes when I noticed a large, fluffy bear _____ to sneakily open a camper's picnic basket. A few minutes later, I observed the clumsy animal _____ over a fallen log and roll all the way down the hill.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) trying
- B) to try
- C) tried

Blank 2

- A) trip
- B) to trip
- C) tripped

3. Complete the camper's spooky story about a midnight visitor.

I was frozen in my sleeping bag when I heard something ____ heavily right outside my tent.

Select one.

- A) breathing
- B) to breathe
- C) breathes
- D) was breathing

4. Help a frustrated student complete a text message complaining about the noise next door. Select ALL the options that grammatically complete the sentence.

Through the thin walls, I heard my roommate's terrible band ____ the exact same song for three hours!

Select all that apply.

- A) play
- B) playing
- C) to play
- D) played

5. Complete the frustrated roommate's text message about a terrible singer.

I can literally feel the floorboards ____ every time Kevin tries to hit a high note!

Select one.

- A) to shake
- B) are shaking
- C) shook
- D) shake

6. Complete the ghost hunter's spooky blog post. Select ALL the words that correctly fill in the blank.

As I stood alone in the dark, abandoned hallway, I suddenly felt an icy hand ____ my shoulder!

Select all that apply.

- A) touch
- B) touching
- C) to touch
- D) touches

7. Help Detective Miller complete her observation report by choosing the correct verb form for each blank.

Detective Miller watched the suspect _____ his coffee nervously for several minutes. Suddenly, she saw him _____ a small envelope onto the floor and quickly walk away.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) sipping
- B) to sip
- C) sipped

Blank 2

- A) drop
- B) to drop
- C) dropped

8. Help Detective Barnaby finalize his dramatic surveillance report. Select ALL the sentences that are grammatically correct.

Select all that apply.

- A) I watched the suspect sneak into the bakery and steal a cupcake.
- B) I watched the suspect sneaking into the bakery through the back door.
- C) I watched the suspect to sneak into the bakery at midnight.
- D) I watched the suspect sneaks into the bakery very quietly.

9. Complete the camper's slightly embarrassing ghost story by selecting the correct option for each blank.

I was sitting by the dark campfire, convinced the woods were haunted, when I suddenly felt my phone _____ exactly once in my pocket. I pulled it out in a panic, only to see my best friend _____ me from the tent right behind me!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) vibrate
- B) vibrating
- C) to vibrate

Blank 2

- A) calling
- B) call
- C) to call

10. Complete the ghost hunter's spooky diary entry by choosing the correct verb form for each gap.

While staying at the old mansion, I distinctly heard someone _____ up the wooden stairs, step by heavy step. A moment later, I felt a freezing cold breeze _____ past my shoulder and slam the bedroom door.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) walking
- B) to walk
- C) walked

Blank 2

- A) brush
- B) to brush
- C) brushed