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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