

Gerunds and Infinitives

Part A

Underline the correct answers.

1. It's very kind of you (sharing / to share) your views about the new canteen.
2. The class stopped (to talk / talking) when their class teacher came in.
3. I can't help (shedding / to shed) tears when I watch sad films.
4. Christina has no difficulty (to deal / dealing) with this tough maths question.
5. Don't forget (to switch / switching) off the lights before you leave the classroom.
6. All the students are busy (preparing / prepare) for their final exam.
7. Ivy managed (finish / to finish) the exam paper within the time limit.
8. The burglars attempted (to break / break) into the villa last night.

Part B

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the given verbs.

1. No matter how difficult life was, he did not give up _____ (play) the piano.
2. Mrs Lam remembered _____ (lock) all the doors and windows before leaving the house, but the door was opened when she came back.
3. The government encourages the citizens _____ (vote).
4. He never regretted _____ (quit) his job and _____ (start) his own business.
5. The TV drama series is so hilarious that it always makes me _____ (laugh).
6. After sending the job application letters to the companies, he could do nothing but _____ (wait) for replies.
7. Teenagers should avoid _____ (waste) too much time _____ (play) computer games.
8. There's no point _____ (skip) your lunch every day _____ (save) money for a designer handbag.

Part C

Brian has just returned home from a trip to Hong Kong. He is writing a letter to the editor of a travel magazine to share his experience in Hong Kong. Complete the letter for him with the given words.

Dear Editor,

I come from Liverpool and I've just finished my 10-day trip in Hong Kong. **1.** I would like to share my views on Hong Kong (I / would like / share / my views on Hong Kong).

Firstly, I appreciate the high working efficiency of Hong Kong people a lot. **2.** _____
_____ (I / cannot stand / wait at the airport) but

3. _____
_____ (I / remember / spend only a short period of time on /
pick up my luggage) when I arrived at the terminal in the Hong Kong airport. Besides, it's
convenient to travel around Hong Kong because **4.** _____

(the well-developed public transportation system / enable people / get everywhere easily).

Despite all the nice things about Hong Kong, **5.** _____
_____ (I / cannot help /
complain about the serious air pollution in the city). It was so hazy that I could not see the
other side of the harbour on the day **6.** _____

(I / plan / take a cruise in Victoria Harbour). Moreover,
7. _____
(the dirty air in the city centre / make me / cough) when I was walking in the streets.

8. _____
_____ (It is important / for the government / control
the air pollution in Hong Kong). **9.** _____
_____ (I / look forward to / visit a cleaner Hong Kong /
in the near future).

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