



BATTLE FOR BRITAIN
COURSE 1
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The Infinitive vs. the -ing Form 1

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Select the correct option (A or B) to complete each sentence.

- 1) I regret _____ you that your application has been unsuccessful.
A) to inform B) informing
- 2) I regret _____ so much money on things I didn't need.
A) to spend B) spending
- 3) She stopped _____ some coffee on the way to the office.
A) to buy B) buying
- 4) She stopped _____ coffee because it was affecting her sleep.
A) to drink B) drinking
- 5) If you take this job, it will mean _____ two hours every day.
A) to commute B) commuting
- 6) I didn't mean _____ your feelings - I'm sorry.
A) to hurt B) hurting
- 7) He went on _____ about his holiday for an hour without stopping.
A) to talk B) talking

8) After finishing his PhD, he went on _____ a university professor.

- A) to become B) becoming

9) I wouldn't advise _____ that road - it's closed for repairs.

- A) to take B) taking

10) I wouldn't advise you _____ that road - it's very dangerous at night.

- A) to take B) taking
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Choose the sentence that is correct for the situation described.

1) General recommendation

- A) I recommend to eat early.
B) I recommend eating early.

2) Advising someone specific

- A) The doctor advised me resting for a week.
B) The doctor advised me to rest for a week.

3) Giving permission to specific people

- A) The school permits students to use phones during breaks.
B) The school permits students using phones during breaks.

4) General rule about an activity

- A) The school doesn't permit to smoke on campus.
B) The school doesn't permit smoking on campus.
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Choose the correct form (A or B) for each sentence. Then choose the correct passive version where possible.

Active sentences:

- 1) I saw him _____ off the springboard – it was over in seconds.
A) jump B) jumping
- 2) I saw him _____ up and down on the bridge – he looked really happy.
A) jump B) jumping
- 3) They heard the girl _____ a lullaby as they entered the room.
A) sing B) singing
- 4) They heard the girl _____ three songs perfectly at the concert.
A) sing B) singing

Passive versions (for questions 1–4 above):

- 5) He _____ off the springboard.
A) was seen to jump B) was seen jumping
- 6) He _____ up and down on the bridge.
A) was seen to jump B) was seen jumping
- 7) The girl _____ a lullaby as they entered the room.
A) was heard to sing B) was heard singing
- 8) The girl _____ three songs perfectly at the concert.
A) was heard to sing B) was heard singing

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Each sentence has one mistake. Choose the corrected version (A or B).

- 1) I dread to get ill while travelling alone.
A) I dread getting ill while travelling alone.
B) I dread to getting ill while travelling alone.
- 2) She began realising that she had made a mistake.
A) She began to realising that she had made a mistake.
B) She began to realise that she had made a mistake.
- 3) I'd like going to the theatre tonight, but I'm too busy.
A) I'd like to go to the theatre tonight, but I'm too busy.
B) I'd like go to the theatre tonight, but I'm too busy.
- 4) He tried to call her several times, but the line was busy – so he sent a text instead.
A) He tried calling her several times, but the line was busy – so he sent a text instead.
B) He tried to calling her several times, but the line was busy – so he sent a text instead.
- 5) We are beginning learning Japanese, but it's very difficult.
A) We are beginning to learning Japanese, but it's very difficult.
B) We are beginning to learn Japanese, but it's very difficult.
- 6) He forgot locking the door this morning, so he went back to check.
A) He forgot to lock the door this morning, so he went back to check.
B) He forgot to locking the door this morning, so he went back to check.
- 7) I object to work on Sundays.
A) I object to working on Sundays.
B) I object working on Sundays.
- 8) My greatest fear is to failing the exam in front of everyone.
A) My greatest fear is failing the exam in front of everyone.
B) My greatest fear is fail the exam in front of everyone.

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For each blank, choose the correct option (A or B).

When I was younger, I remember (1) _____ hours trying (2) _____ the guitar. I started (3) _____ lessons, but I soon began (4) _____ that I had no talent. One day, my teacher advised me (5) _____. I remember (6) _____ completely devastated. I stopped (7) _____ for a year. Then I tried (8) _____ up the piano instead – and I loved it. Looking back, I don't regret (9) _____ instruments, though I still dread (10) _____ about those horrendous guitar lessons.

- 1)
A) to spend B) spending
- 2)
A) to learn B) learning
- 3)
A) taking / to take (both possible) B) take
- 4)
A) realising B) to realise
- 5)
A) to give up B) giving up
- 6)
A) to feel B) feeling
- 7)
A) to play B) playing
- 8)
A) to take B) taking
- 9)
A) to switch B) switching
- 10)
A) to think B) thinking

