

Language Focus Unit 5



Gerunds and infinitives

- 1 Complete the sentences with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in the box.

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- 1 I went to a café before ____ to the new museum.
- 2 I put off ____ my science experiment.
- 3 It was interesting ____ the test results.
- 4 The scientist went into his lab ____.
- 5 ____ to university life can be hard at first.
- 6 I taught the puppy ____ when I call its name!

- 2 Complete the paragraphs with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs. There is one verb for each paragraph that you don't need.



Cat's eyes: a great invention

help drive see create

Do you know what 'cat's eyes' are? I don't mean the ones that cats use (1) ____ with. I'm talking about the ones on roads that are useful for (2) ____ people to find their way when they can't avoid (3) ____ in the dark.

make shine happen stop

In the beginning, cat's eyes, which were invented by Percy Shaw in the 1930s, were like balls of glass. Road-builders put them in the concrete along roads and streets because they hoped (4) ____ accidents from (5) _____. You see, when light hits a cat's eye, they tend (6) _____.

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Drivers will notice this shine, or reflection, as people like (7) ____ it, and it helps them (8) ____ aware of where the street or road ends. (9) ____ this reflection has saved many lives. It's amazing (10) ____ that this invention has been saving motorists' lives for almost a century.

Conditionals, *if* and *unless*

- 3 Underline the mistake in the sentences and then correct it. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 If you will drop something, it falls to the ground.

- 2 Unless the candle had oxygen, it would burn.

- 3 If he went to New York City next week, he would visit the Hayden Planetarium?

- 4 The Earth won't survive for much longer unless we don't stop damaging it.

- 5 If we wouldn't give up, we'll find a cure for most diseases one day.

- 4 Mark is upset because he couldn't go to an important talk. Look at the notes and complete the text using the third conditional.

Mark's mum / not be / too busy ⇒

she / take Mark to hear the scientist's talk ⇒

he / learn about the Earth's problems ⇒

he / tell his friends ⇒

they / organize an event to tell other people ⇒

they / raise lots of money to deal with the problems

If Mark's mum hadn't been too busy, she would have taken Mark to hear the scientist's talk. If she'd taken Mark to hear the scientist's talk, _____

