

Practice

1 Choose the correct or most likely explanation, A or B.

- 1 I'm looking forward to Sally cooking my favourite dish this evening.
A I'm cooking this evening. B Sally's cooking this evening.
- 2 Alastair forgot to lock the door.
A He should have done this but he didn't.
B He can't remember whether he locked the door or not.
- 3 The airline strike delayed my taking up my new position in the Los Angeles office.
A This is a person speaking. B This is an extract from a formal letter.
- 4 I heard a famous actor read *Treasure Island* on the radio last week.
A I heard the entire story. B I heard part of the story.
- 5 After the lesson ended we went on chatting.
A We had been chatting during the lesson.
B We hadn't been chatting during the lesson.
- 6 Why don't you try giving Tom some herb tea?
A Tom hates herb tea. B It might make him feel better.

2 Choose the correct form in *italics*.

- 1 Darling, did you remember *packing/to pack* some extra memory cards for the video camera yesterday?
- 2 I really regret *leaving / to leave* school so young, it's ruined my career prospects.
- 3 We tried *pressing / to press* the 'escape' key but the program just wouldn't respond.
- 4 A suspicious young man was seen *enter / to enter* the building shortly before the incident.
- 5 As we drove over the river we noticed local women *washing / wash* their clothes in the water.
- 6 Nothing will stop their enquiries, they mean *getting / to get* to the bottom of this strange business.
- 7 Transglobe Airlines regrets *announcing / to announce* the cancellation of today's service to Istanbul due to air traffic restrictions.
- 8 Do you remember *seeing / to see* that film last summer?
- 9 That wound's quite deep. You really need *putting / to put* some antiseptic on it.
- 10 We were all exhausted so we stopped *getting / to get* some rest at a motel.

3 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets, as in the example. 3.34 Listen and check.

- 0 Clarissa said she hadn't used my laptop. (denied) *Clarissa denied using* my laptop.
- 1 I'm sorry that I gave up my job in the civil service. (regret)
..... in the civil service.
- 2 Make sure you top up your mobile phone credit before we leave. (forget)
..... before we leave.
- 3 Because of his injury, Stephen can't drive at the moment. (capable)
At the moment, Stephen because of his injury.
- 4 As part of the ceremony, the president lays flowers on the soldier's grave. (the)
..... on the soldier's grave by the president is part of the ceremony.
- 5 Although she was pregnant, Julia didn't stop work. (went)
Despite her pregnancy, Julia
- 6 To help with his insomnia, the doctor suggested Pedro give up drinking coffee. (advised)
To help with his insomnia, the doctor drinking coffee.