



Advanced Gerunds and Infinitives — B2 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- The manuscript is believed ____ in a monastery fire.
A) to destroy B) to be destroyed C) to have been destroyed D) being destroyed
- He is alleged ____ payments from at least two contractors.
A) to accept B) to have accepted C) accepting D) to be accepted
- She appears ____ on the second volume already.
A) to work B) to be working C) to have work D) working
- I distinctly remember ____ the back door before we left.
A) to lock B) locking C) to have locked D) being locked
- Please remember ____ the alarm on your way out this evening.
A) setting B) to set C) having set D) to be set
- I regret ____ you that your application was unsuccessful.
A) telling B) to tell C) having told D) to have told
- He deeply regrets ____ the email before he had calmed down.
A) to send B) sending C) to have send D) to be sent
- She stopped ____ a cigarette halfway up the hill.
A) smoking B) to smoke C) having smoked D) to be smoking
- Nobody enjoys ____ in front of their colleagues.
A) to be criticised B) being criticised C) having criticised D) to criticise
- He denied ____ the document at any stage of the inquiry.
A) to see B) having seen C) to have seen D) be seen

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

- The vase is thought to _____ been made in the fifteenth century.
- He claims to _____ misled by his own accountants.
- She seems to _____ working far harder than anyone else on the team.

4. I remember _____ him at a conference years ago, though he does not remember me.
5. Do remember _____ book the room before somebody else takes it.
6. We regret _____ inform you that the service has been withdrawn.
7. He regrets _____ the offer down without asking for time to think.
8. She stopped _____ ask for directions at the second roundabout.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. have / believed / The / stolen. / is / painting / to / been

Report a past theft using a perfect passive infinitive.

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2. payments. / accepted / have / He / to / the / is / alleged

Report a legal allegation about the past.

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3. be / something / on / She / appears / new. / working / to

Describe an activity in progress using an infinitive.

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4. the / I / me. / behind / remember / door / locking

Recall an action you actually carried out.

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5. the / leave. / when / lock / door / to / Remember / you

Remind someone of a duty that lies ahead.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **C) to have been destroyed** — A completed past event reported passively takes the perfect passive infinitive.
2. **B) to have accepted** — The perfect infinitive places the alleged action before the allegation itself.
3. **B) to be working** — The continuous infinitive describes something in progress at the time of the observation.
4. **B) locking** — Remember plus a gerund recalls an action you actually performed.
5. **B) to set** — Remember plus an infinitive is about not forgetting a duty that lies ahead.
6. **B) to tell** — Regret plus an infinitive delivers bad news at the moment of speaking.
7. **B) sending** — Regret plus a gerund looks back at something the subject actually did.
8. **B) to smoke** — Stop plus an infinitive gives the purpose of stopping; stop smoking would mean giving up.
9. **B) being criticised** — Enjoy takes a gerund, and the passive gerund is being plus the participle.
10. **B) having seen** — Deny takes a gerund, and the perfect gerund marks the action as earlier still.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **have** — The perfect infinitive is to plus this auxiliary plus the past participle.
2. **have** — A perfect passive infinitive needs this auxiliary before been and the participle.
3. **be** — The continuous infinitive is to plus this verb plus the -ing form.
4. **meeting** — Remember plus a gerund recalls something the subject actually did.
5. **to** — Remember plus an infinitive concerns a duty that still lies ahead.
6. **to** — This verb plus an infinitive delivers bad news at the moment of writing.
7. **turning** — Regret plus a gerund looks back at something already done.
8. **to** — Stop plus an infinitive gives the purpose for which the stop was made.

C. Sentence building

1. **The painting is believed to have been stolen.**
2. **He is alleged to have accepted the payments.**
3. **She appears to be working on something new.**
4. **I remember locking the door behind me.**
5. **Remember to lock the door when you leave.**