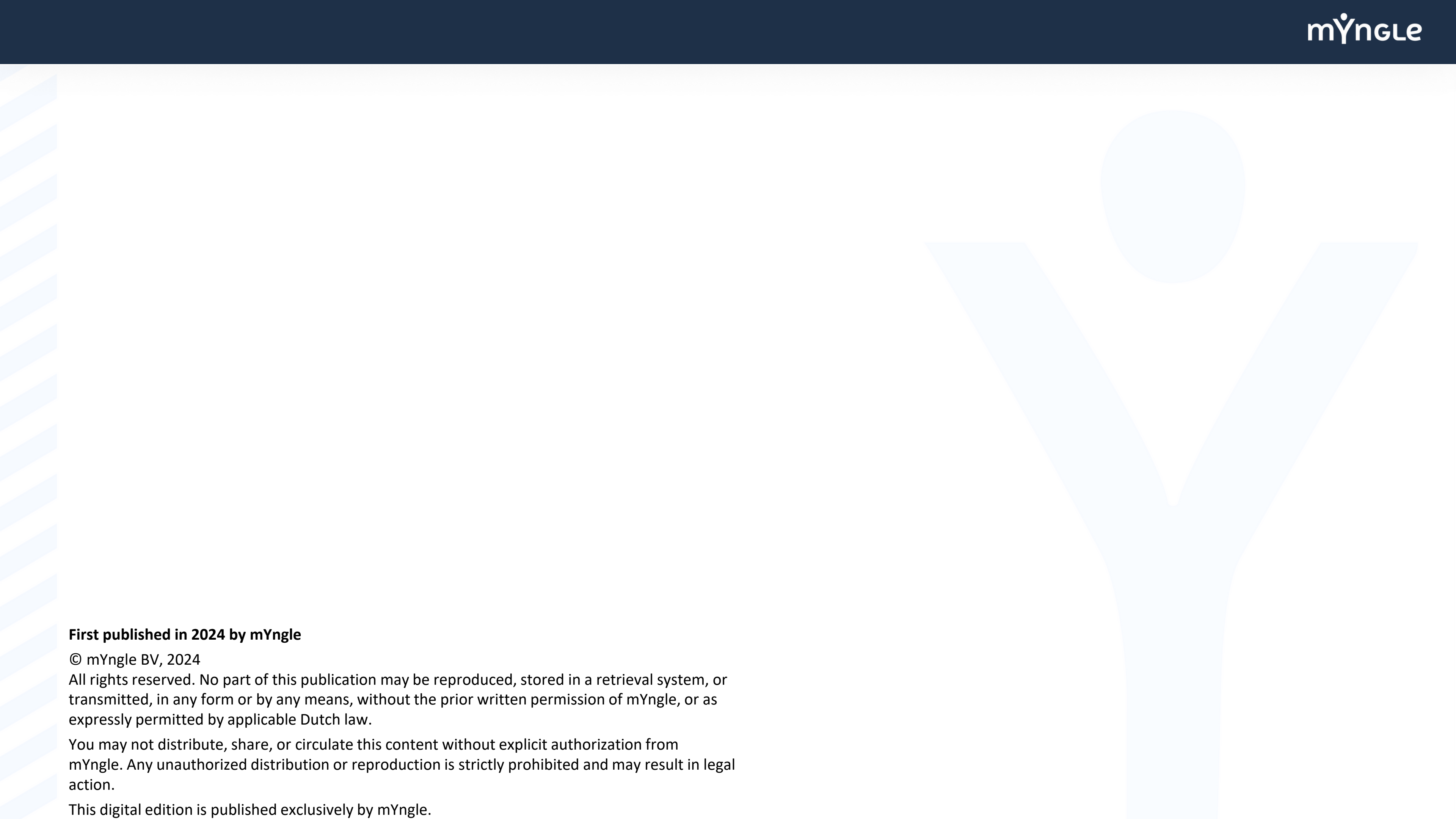


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Business Upper Intermediate

Homework - Unit 15: Global mobility



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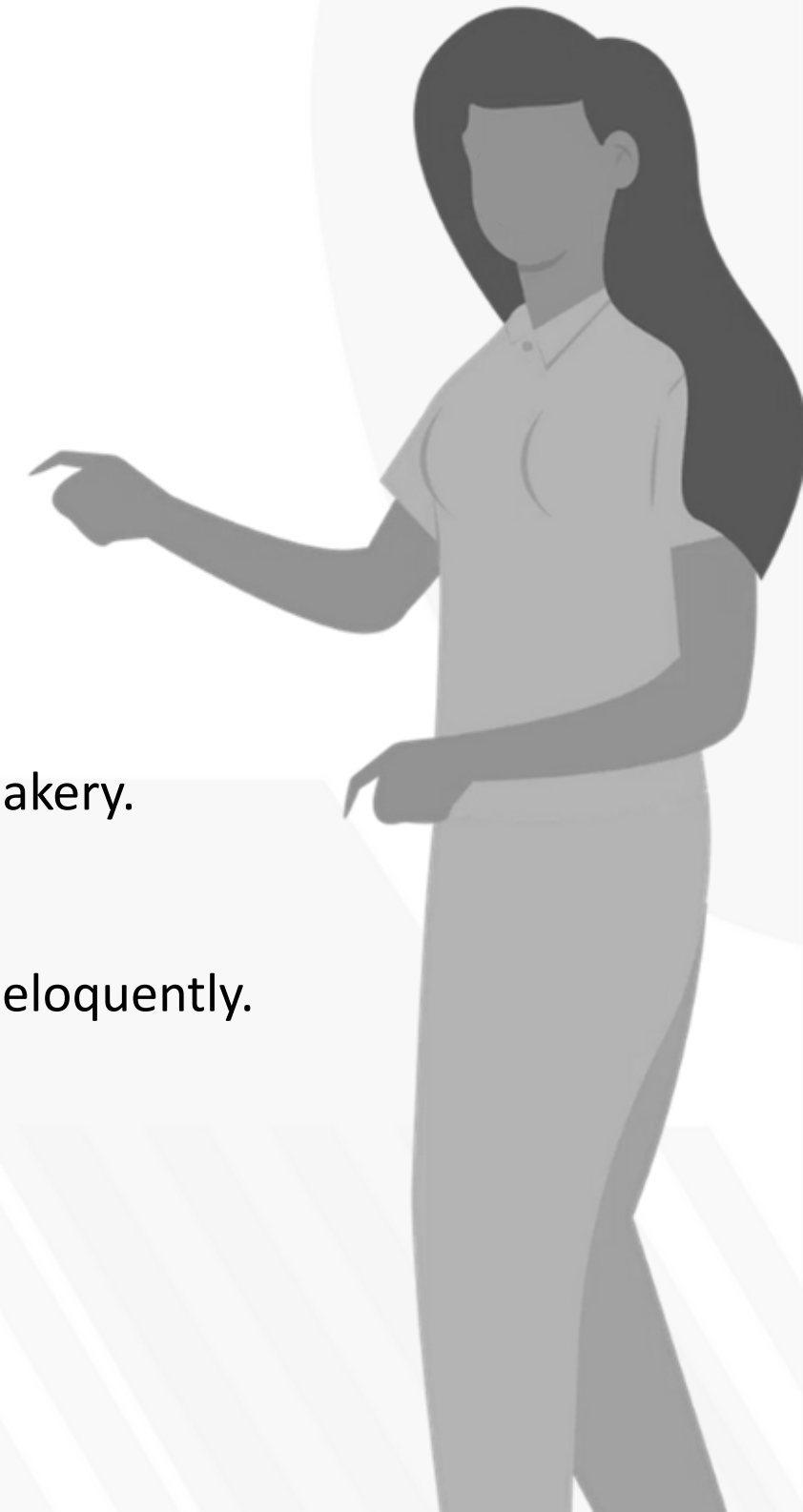
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1. Match expressions 1-6 with their antonyms

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| 2. feel revitalized | b. act immediately |
| 3. head off in a new direction | c. to feel confident about |
| 4. career development | d. career stagnation |
| 5. postpone | e. advance |
| 6. hesitate | f. feel drained |

2. Underline an extra word in each sentence.

1. After reading the instructions several many times, Kevin continued to feel uncertain about the procedure.
2. A good night's sleep made him feel new revitalized and ready to tackle the day's challenges.
3. Realizing he wasn't passionate about his current job, Liam decided to head off on in a new direction and started a bakery.
4. Attending workshops and training sessions is crucial important for career development.
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1. Complete sentences 1-12 with the phrases from the list.

- to put off for career reasons
- renewed enthusiasm
- to broaden my horizons
- retention rate
- head off in a new direction
- company policy
- a new outlook on life
- work for a voluntary organization
- career development
- to develop some soft skills
- useful piece of advice
- feel revitalized

1. After volunteering overseas, Judy gained _____ that made her re-evaluate her priorities.
2. I was feeling tired and burnt out, but after a short break, I came back to work and felt _____.
3. John decided to _____ going back to school _____ because he was getting a promotion at his job.
4. The best _____ I ever received was to never stop learning and growing.
5. After five years in the same role, Mary decided to _____ and start her own business.
6. Attending the workshop not only helped me learn technical aspects, but it also helped me _____ like effective communication and teamwork.
7. The _____ of our firm is that employees must take at least two days of professional development workshops annually.
8. One of the key metrics for HR this year is the _____ of new employees.
9. I've always wanted to travel and work in different countries _____ and learn about different cultures.
10. One of the reasons I chose to attend the conference was for _____ as I wanted to advance to a managerial role.
11. I chose to _____ because I felt the need to do something meaningful and contribute to society.
12. With his _____ for the project, our team was more motivated than ever.

2. Read the text. Are these statements true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

Richard Branson, a dyslexic student, decided early in his life **to put off for career reasons** the traditional educational path that most were expected to take. Instead, he ventured into the world of business with a **renewed enthusiasm**. From the get-go, Branson was not content with staying within the boundaries of one industry. He constantly sought **to broaden his horizons**, starting with a music store and then expanding into airlines, telecommunications, and even space travel.

Virgin's **retention rate** of its employees and customer loyalty can be attributed to its unique **company policy**, which always emphasized employee well-being and consumer satisfaction. Branson's charisma and leadership style played a crucial role in establishing these policies. He believed in treating his employees as family and often emphasized the importance of fun in the workplace.

In a surprising move, Branson decided **to head off in a new direction** when he initiated Virgin Galactic, aiming to make space tourism a reality. This decision showcased his constant desire to innovate and redefine industries.

His ventures also reflect **a new outlook on life**. For instance, after witnessing the detrimental effects of climate change, Branson became a staunch advocate for sustainable energy. This led him to **work for a voluntary organization** dedicated to finding solutions for global warming and also to incorporate sustainable practices in his business endeavors.

Throughout his **career development**, Branson emphasized the need **to develop some soft skills**, like listening actively and leading with empathy. One **useful piece of advice** he often shares with budding entrepreneurs is the importance of taking risks and learning from failures.

In his later years, after several successes and setbacks, Branson mentioned in interviews how his ventures and the challenges they brought made him **feel revitalized**, pushing him to continue innovating and expanding the Virgin brand globally.

1. Richard Branson always had a traditional approach to education.
2. Branson began his business journey with an airline.
3. The Virgin company is well-known for its unique approach to employee well-being.
4. Branson initiated Virgin Galactic with the intention of innovating the hotel industry.
5. Branson has always been concerned about the environment and climate change.
6. Virgin Galactic focuses on space tourism.
7. Branson was driven to work with a voluntary organization after seeing the effects of climate change.

1. Put the words in the correct order.

1. do / it / I'll / I / be / never / unless / satisfied
2. benefits / also / are / company / for / the / There / other
3. been / inspired / dedication / our / I've / team's / by
4. been / the / Traveling / a / goal / has / of / long-term / world / mine
5. refused / never / to / face / I've / a / challenge

2. Put the conversation in the right order.

Alex: There are benefits for the company too, making it a win-win situation. I'd really appreciate it if we could discuss this further.

Jordan: What about costs?

Alex: I understand your misgivings, but the experience would be invaluable. The plus points are immense networking and exposure.

Jordan: With our current workload?

Jordan: Alright, draft a proposal. We'll talk tomorrow.

Alex: I've been inspired by other leaders in our field. **I intend to** attend the international conference next month. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity.



3. Choose the best option (a-c) for the phrases in bold.

1. **It's been a long-term goal** for me to visit every continent.
a) extended plan b) monthly aim c) daily target
2. **I intend to** complete this project by the end of the month.
a) plan on doing b) dislike doing c) finished
3. **I'd really appreciate it if** you could lend me the book for a week.
a) enjoy b) would be thankful c) dislike
4. **It's a once in a lifetime opportunity**; you shouldn't let it go.
a) frequently occurring chance b) daily event c) rare chance
5. It's an event you **can't (afford to) miss**.
a) can ignore b) should avoid c) must attend
6. **I understand your misgivings, but** it's worth giving it a try.
a) doubts b) excitement c) joy
7. **That's hardly fair. I've never refused to** help when you needed it.
a) unjust b) balanced c) equal
8. Investing in this startup is **a win-win situation** for both parties.
a) lose-lose b) beneficial for both c) beneficial for one
9. **The experience** I would **gain would be invaluable for** my personal growth.
a) pointless b) without worth c) of great worth
10. **The plus points are** that it's affordable and environmentally friendly.
a) advantages b) disadvantages c) neutral traits

4. Put the conversation in order.

Jason: That's awesome, Sue. **How did you spend the weekend** after the class?

Sue: Well, I felt super relaxed after pottery, so **I caught up on** some reading. **What did you get up to?**

Jason: **It needed doing**, so I spent Saturday cleaning the garage. On Sunday, **we managed to fit in** a small hike in the nearby woods.

Jason: **Did you manage to get away** this weekend?

Sue: That sounds productive and fun! Was the hike enjoyable?

Jason: Absolutely! **It was a relaxing way to spend** a Sunday afternoon.

Sue: That sounds lovely, Jason. How did the garage cleaning go?

Jason: **It turned out to be** more work than I expected, but it feels good to have it done now.

Sue: No, but **I've always wanted to** take a pottery class, so I finally did that.

5. Match 1-8 with a-h.

1. I caught up _____

2. We took _____

3. I spent it cleaning the house; _____

4. It turned out _____

5. It was a relaxing _____

6. I've always wanted to try painting, _____

7. We managed to fit _____

8. I just stayed at home, _____
- a. _____ to be a really productive weekend.

b. _____ doing chores and errands

c. _____ so I did that.

d. _____ in a visit to the museum.

e. _____ on some much-needed sleep.

f. _____ way to spend my Saturday afternoon.

g. _____ it needed doing.

h. _____ a short trip to the countryside.

6. Complete the sentences with the words below.

- so

• up on

• relaxing

• fit in

• turned out

• get up to

• manage

• spend

• doing

1. I caught _____ my favorite TV series.

2. It needed _____ , so I finally organized my garage.

3. It _____ to be an unexpectedly fun day.

4. It was a _____ way to spend the Sunday afternoon.

5. I've always wanted to learn how to cook Italian food, _____ I took a cooking class.

6. We managed to _____ a quick hike before it started raining.

7. How did you _____ the weekend?

8. What did you _____ ?

9. Did you _____ to get away?

- Answers:

1. I caught **up on** my favorite TV series.

2. It needed **doing**, so I finally organized my garage.

3. It **turned out** to be an unexpectedly fun day.

4. It was a **relaxing** way to spend the Sunday afternoon.

5. I've always wanted to learn how to cook Italian food, **so** I took a cooking class.

6. We managed to **fit in** a quick hike before it started raining.

7. How did you **spend** the weekend?

8. What did you **get up to**?

9. Did you **manage** to get away?

Stating what you want

- *It's been a long-term goal of mine to ...*
- *I intend to ...*
- *I'd really appreciate it if ...*

Stating motivation

- *I've been inspired by ...*
- *I'd like to do this because ...*
- *My motivation for this comes from ...*

Dealing with objections

- *I understand your misgivings, but ...*
- *That's hardly fair. I've never refused to ...*
- *But there are also (other) benefits for (you / the company).*

Arguing persuasively

- *It's a once in a lifetime opportunity.*
- *This is a chance I can't (afford to) miss.*
- *I'll never be satisfied unless I do it.*

Explaining benefits

- *It's a win-win situation.*
- *The experience I'd gain would be invaluable for ...*
- *The plus points are ...*

Verb + *-ing* form

1. A number of verbs are followed by the *-ing* form rather than the infinitive including *dislike, enjoy, can't stand, look forward to, avoid, miss*.

*I really **enjoyed seeing** Lucie again.*

2. When a verb follows a preposition it is connected with, it always takes the *-ing* form rather than the infinitive.

*I'm **keen on travelling**, but I'd be **worried about taking** a whole year off.*

Verb + infinitive form

1. A number of verbs are followed by the infinitive rather than the *-ing* form such as *agree, arrange, expect, hope, manage, offer, plan, prepare, promise, refuse, afford, want, would like*.

*We **arranged to meet** the following week.*

2. The infinitive is also used to express purpose.
*I'm **taking** a year off **to travel** round the world.*

Verb + *-ing* form or infinitive

Some verbs can be followed by the *-ing* form or the infinitive. Sometimes there is little or no change in meaning and sometimes there is a change in meaning.

1. Little or no change in meaning with verbs such as *like, love, hate* and *prefer*:

***like travelling**. / I **like to travel**.*

*They **love playing** golf. / They **love to play** golf.*

2. Changes in meaning with verbs such as *stop, remember, forget, go on, and regret*:

***stopped going** to the gym on my way home. (I used to go to the gym on my way home, but I gave up the activity.)*

*I **stopped** to go to the gym on my way home. (I was driving home and stopped in order to go to the gym.)*

*I **remember seeing** Ken at the party. (I saw him, and I have a clear memory of it.)*

*I **remembered to see** Ken at the party. (I knew he wanted to speak to me, so I went over to him.)*

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in bold.

1. I really regret **to leave / leaving** my previous company.
2. Remember **to submit / submitting** the quarterly report before the deadline.
3. I remember **to attend / attending** the conference last year, and it was incredibly insightful.
4. After our product launch, we'll go on **to explore / exploring** new market segments.
5. During the meeting, he presented the financials and then went on **to discuss / discussing** the projections for the next year.
6. Try **to finalize / finalizing** the contract terms by the end of this week.
7. We tried **to implement / implementing** a new CRM system, but it wasn't compatible with our existing infrastructure.
8. I stopped **to speak / speaking** with the client before finalizing our proposal.
9. Our company stopped **to manufacture / manufacturing** that product line due to declining demand.
10. I regret **to inform / informing** the board that our merger discussions have been unsuccessful.

2. Find 6 mistakes. Tick (✓) the sentences that are correct.

1. Remember calling me when you reach the airport.
2. Remember to call me when you reach the airport.
3. She will go on completing her Ph.D. next year.
4. I tried to solve the difficult math problem.
5. He went on to talk even after the meeting ended.
6. Stop to think before you speak.
7. She prefers using a tablet rather than to read a paperback.
8. I regret to inform you that your application was denied.
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10. Remember putting sunscreen before going out in the sun.
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3. Mark in the words where the stress is. Click on the word to hear the correct pronunciation.

- stop
- try
- remember
- go on
- regret

1. Could you please _____ to pick up some milk on your way home?
2. I _____ to tell you that the meeting for tomorrow has been canceled.
3. Let's _____ to see a movie after dinner, I'd love to relax a bit.
4. It's essential to _____ to consider all the facts before making a decision.
5. I _____ to drink tea over coffee in the morning.
6. He will _____ to explain the project after we've discussed the budget.
7. She _____ taking the last train home, as it was the worst decision ever.
8. _____ to use sunscreen before you go to the beach.
9. We _____ to solve the issue but kept facing obstacles.
10. You should _____ locking the door when you leave.





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Homework – Answer Key

Exercise 1

1. to feel uncertain about **(c)** to feel confident about
2. feel revitalized – **(f)** feel drained
3. head off in a new direction – **(a)** stay on course
4. career development **(d)** career stagnation
5. postpone – **(e)** advance
6. hesitate – **(b)** act immediately

Exercise 2

1. After reading the instructions several **many** times, Kevin continued to feel uncertain about the procedure.
2. A good night's sleep made him feel **new** revitalized and ready to tackle the day's challenges.
3. Realizing he wasn't passionate about his current job, Liam decided to head off **on** in a new direction and started a bakery.
4. Attending workshops and training sessions is crucial **important** for career development.
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Exercise 1

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| 1. a new outlook on life | 7. company policy |
| 2. feel revitalized | 8. retention rate |
| 3. to put off for career reasons | 9. to broaden my horizons |
| 4. useful piece of advice | 10. career development |
| 5. head off in a new direction | 11. work for a voluntary organization |
| 6. to develop some soft skills | 12. renewed enthusiasm |

Exercise 2

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. True
7. True



Exercise 1

1. I'll never be satisfied unless I do it.
2. There are also other benefits for the company.
3. I've been inspired by our team's dedication.
4. Traveling the world has been a long-term goal of mine.
5. I've never refused to face a challenge.

Exercise 2

Alex: I've been inspired by other leaders in our field. I intend to attend the international conference next month. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Jordan: With our current workload?

Alex: I understand your misgivings, but the experience would be invaluable. The plus points are immense networking and exposure.

Jordan: What about costs?

Alex: There are benefits for the company too, making it a win-win situation. I'd really appreciate it if we could discuss this further.

Jordan: Alright, draft a proposal. We'll talk tomorrow.

Exercise 3

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| 1. a) extended plan | 6. a) doubts |
| 2. a) plan on doing | 7. a) unjust |
| 3. b) would be thankful | 8. b) beneficial for both |
| 4. c) rare chance | 9. c) of great worth |
| 5. c) must attend | 10. a) advantages |

Exercise 4

James: How did you spend the weekend?

Sue: Oh, it was quite eventful. **What did you get up to?**

James: We took a short road trip to the countryside. **Did you manage to get away?**

Sue: No, I stayed in town but still had a lot of fun. **I've always wanted to** try pottery, so I took a beginner's class.

James: That sounds exciting!

Sue: It was! **We managed to fit in** making a vase and a small bowl.

James: Very creative! Anything else?

Sue: Well, after the pottery class, **I caught up on** some reading I've been meaning to do.

James: **It was a relaxing way to spend** the rest of the day, I assume?

Sue: Absolutely! **It turned out to be** a great balance of activity and relaxation.

James: That's the best kind of weekend.

Sue: Yeah, and on Sunday, I did some spring cleaning. **It needed doing.**

James: A productive weekend indeed!

Exercise 5

1. I caught up **(e)** on some much-needed sleep.
2. Yes, we took **(h)** a short trip to the countryside.
3. I spent it cleaning the house; **(g)** it needed doing.
4. It turned out **(a)** to be a really productive weekend.
5. It was a relaxing **(f)** way to spend my Saturday afternoon.
6. I've always wanted to try painting, **(c)** so I did that.
7. We managed to fit **(d)** in a visit to the museum.
8. I just stayed at home, **(b)** doing chores and errands.

Exercise 6

1. I caught up on my favorite TV series.
2. It needed doing, so I finally organized my garage.
3. It turned out to be an unexpectedly fun day.
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Exercise 2

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