

8A GRAMMAR gerunds and infinitives

a Right (✓) or wrong (X)? Correct the mistakes in the **bold** phrases.

- 1 I expect **to have finished** the report by Friday afternoon. ✓
- 2 It's no use **sitting** around talking about it. We need actions, not words.
- 3 Your remarks offended me. I will not put up with **speaking to** like that.
- 4 We would love **to be able** to stay longer in Bangkok, but it just wasn't possible.
- 5 She's very narrow-minded so it's difficult for her **understanding** your point of view.
- 6 I wasn't aware of **having been introduced** to her before.
- 7 There's no point **to invite** George because he never goes to parties.
- 8 **Having studied abroad** will certainly be an advantage when you come to apply for a job.
- 9 What's that noise? Someone seems **to try** to open the door.
- 10 We enjoyed the vacation, but we would rather **have stayed** at home.

b Complete the second sentence with a gerund or infinitive so that it means the same as the first.

- 1 We can't get a taxi because we don't have enough cash.
We don't have enough cash to get a taxi.
- 2 It won't do you any good to feel guilty about what happened.
It's no good _____ guilty about what happened.
- 3 He was fed up with his wife telling him what to wear.
He was fed up with _____ what to wear by his wife.
- 4 It would have been better if the director had informed me personally.
I would rather _____ by the director in person.
- 5 He's unsure about what he should do after he graduates.
He's unsure about what _____ after he graduates.
- 6 It is thought that the police are searching the whole area.
The police are thought _____ the whole area.
- 7 She was the first female president.
She was the first woman _____ elected president.
- 8 I'm concerned that I haven't been contacted yet.
I'm concerned about _____ yet.

c Match 1–8 with a–h to make questions.

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| 1 How easy is it for you <input type="checkbox"/> | a to have achieved by the end of your life? |
| 2 Do you think there is any point in <input type="checkbox"/> | b have spent your last vacation differently? |
| 3 What do you hope <input type="checkbox"/> | c telling a white lie is ever justifiable? |
| 4 Do you think <input type="checkbox"/> | d dedicating their whole life to their career but neglecting their family? |
| 5 What would it have been like <input type="checkbox"/> | e regretting something after you've done it? |
| 6 Do you mind <input type="checkbox"/> | f to have lived 100 years ago? |
| 7 Would you rather <input type="checkbox"/> | g being asked about your age? |
| 8 Would you admire someone for <input type="checkbox"/> | h to tell people how you really feel? |

ACTIVATION

d Choose a question from c and write a paragraph answering it.