

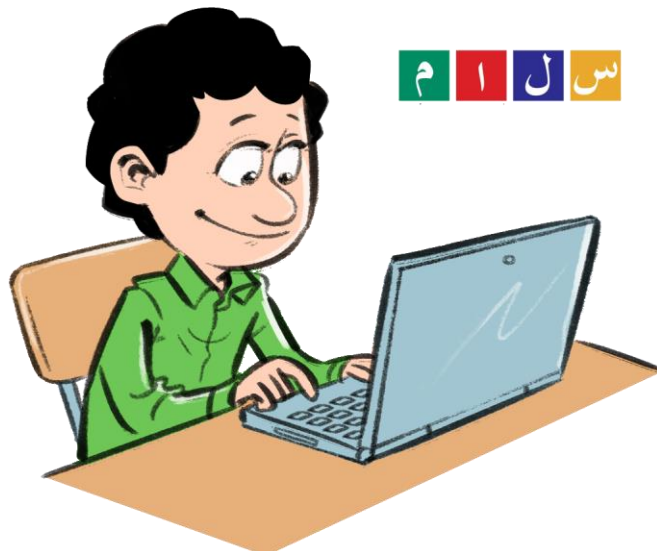
**A. Put the verbs into the correct form: -ing or the infinitive with to**

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For the second time, Andrew Spicer, the local cycling star, has decided (1) .....  
(give up) the attempt (2) ..... (ride) his bike non-stop for twenty-four hours. His  
decision came after dangerous weather conditions had caused him to postpone (3)  
..... (set off) for several hours. His first attempt had also ended in failure, when he  
appeared (4) ..... (lose) control of his bicycle as he attempted to avoid (5) .....  
(hit) a small child and crashed into a wall. He says that he has not yet decided whether (6)  
..... (try) one more time, but denies (7) ..... (lose) interest in the project. 'I've  
promised (8) ..... (raise) money for the local hospital,' he explained. 'They deserve  
help. I shall do what I can if I manage (9) ..... (find) the time.'

**B. Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Use -ing or the infinitive with to ...**

1. I often help .....
2. I learnt..... at the age of.....
3. I can't help..... when I see someone being treated unfairly.
4. I don't mind ....., but I hate.....
5. I sometimes pretend..... when really I'm just daydreaming.
6. I always encourage..... which I have enjoyed reading myself.
7. I remember .....when I was a small child.
8. I enjoy .....even though I'm not very good at it.
9. I expect..... by the end of next year.





**A. John had a row with his girlfriend, Julie. His friend Mark tried to help them get back together and talked to Julie for John.**

Mark: Julie, John's asked me to talk to you.

Julie: I don't want to speak to him.

Mark: Look Julie, John's really upset.

Julie: I'm upset too.

Mark: Will you just let me tell you his side of the story?

Julie: I'm not interested. He promised to meet me at the restaurant, but he didn't turn up. I don't want to see him again.

Mark: But Julie, his car had broken down.

Julie: So? I had my phone with me.

Mark: But that's the point. He tried to phone, but he couldn't get through.

Julie: I don't believe he tried.

Mark: Yes, he did. His phone wasn't working, so he came to my flat and borrowed mine. Take a look at my recent calls.

Julie: OK, I'll talk to him. Listen, I'm going to be late for work. I'll meet him at six o'clock in the square.

Mark: Thanks, Julie. He'll be really happy. And I promise he'll be there.

**Complete the conversation Mark had later with John.**

John: What did Julie say?

Mark: She said she (1) .....didn't want to speak to you .

John: Well, what did she say when you told her I was really upset?

Mark: She said she (2) .....too, so I asked her to let me explain your side of the story. She said she (3) ..... You (4)

.....to meet her at the restaurant, but you (5)

..... She said that she (6)

.....again.

John: Did you explain about the car?

Mark: Yes, and she said she (7) .....her phone with her. So I explained you couldn't get through, but she said she (8)

.....you (9) ..... Then I told her that you (10) .....to my flat and that you (11)

.....my phone. I asked her if she (12)

.....at my recent calls. She did and she said she (13)

..... to you. Then she said she (14)

.....late for work, so we had to stop talking. You have to meet her in the square at six o'clock.

John: Thanks, Mark. I really appreciate what you've done for me.

Mark: That's OK. Just don't be late this evening.



**B. Anna has just met the singer Aidan Flanagan. (You may remember him from Exercise 16.) She is telling Ian about the meeting. Ian wants to know exactly what Aidan said to Anna and what she said to him.**

Ian: Well, what was he like? Was he friendly? What did he say?

Anna: He was really friendly. (1) He asked me who I was.

Ian: Then what?

Anna: (2) He asked me where I came from.

Ian: And what did you say?

Anna: (3) I told him I came from Bray, of course. Then (4) he said that was where he was born too. Then (5) I told him I'd been a fan of his for ages and (6) he said that was very good

to hear. Then (7) he asked whether I was going to the concert tonight. So (8) I told him we wanted to, but we hadn't been able to get tickets. (9) He asked if the tickets were sold out, and (10) I told him they'd sold all but the most expensive ones and we couldn't afford those.

Ian: And did he give you some tickets?

Anna: No, he didn't. But (11) he asked the concert hall manager if we could have some at the

cheaper price. And the manager said 'Yes'!

**Now write exactly what Anna and Aidan said.**

1. Aidan asked:
2. Aidan asked:
3. Anna said:
4. Aidan said:
5. Anna said:
6. Aidan said:
7. Aidan asked:
8. Anna said:
9. Aidan asked:
10. Anna said:
11. Aidan asked the concert hall manager: