

Exercises

141.1 Change the underlined words. Keep the same meaning, but use a verb + **on** or **off**.

- Did you hear the bomb explode?
Did you hear the bomb go off ?
- The meeting continued longer than I expected.
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- We didn't stop to rest. We continued walking.
We didn't stop to rest. We
- I fell asleep while I was watching TV.
I while I was watching TV.
- Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to continue working.
Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to working.
- The fire alarm rang in the middle of the night.
The fire alarm in the middle of the night.
- Martin phones me continuously. It's very annoying.
Martin It's very annoying.

141.2 Complete each sentence using a verb + **on** or **off**.

- We can't go on spending money like this. We'll have nothing left soon.
- I was standing by the car when suddenly the alarm
- I'm not ready to go home yet. I have a few things to
- 'Shall I stop the car here?' 'No,
- Bill paid too much for the car he bought. I think he was
- 'Is Emma enjoying her course at university?' 'Yes, she's very well.'
- I was very tired at work today. I nearly at my desk a couple of times.
- Ben was by his boss for being late for work repeatedly.
- I really like working with my colleagues. We all really well together.
- There was a very loud noise. It sounded like a bomb
- I making the same mistake. It's very frustrating.
- I've just had a coffee break, and now I must with my work.
- Peter is always trying to impress people. He's always
- We decided not to go to the concert. We were by the cost of tickets.

141.3 Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + **on** or **off**. Sometimes you will need other words as well:

carry finish ~~get~~ get get go rip tell

- A: How are you getting on in your new job?
B: Fine, thanks. It's going very well.
- A: Have you written the letter you had to write?
B: I've started it. I'll in the morning.
- A: We took a taxi to the airport. It cost £40.
B: £40! Normally it costs about £20. You
- A: Why were you late for work this morning?
B: I overslept. My alarm clock didn't
- A: How in your interview? Do you think you'll get the job?
B: I hope so. The interview was OK.
- A: Did you stop playing tennis when it started to rain?
B: No, we The rain wasn't very heavy.
- A: Some children at the next table in the restaurant were behaving very badly.
B: Why didn't their parents ?
- A: Why does Paul want to leave his job?
B: He his boss.