

Although I don't like (7 look after) Zena's alligator while she's away I do so because I wouldn't like Zena (8 think) I was afraid of it.

The McArthurs' elder daughter simply loves (9 ski), and would clearly love nothing so much as (10 turn) professional and (11 become) an instructor.

The world's political and social problems have, quite honestly, ceased (12 interest) me. I ceased (13 try) to put the world in order soon after leaving university.

'Do you mean (14 tell) me that Willie's firm of architects didn't accept that wonderful contract with the Town Hall?'

'Yes, I do, because if they had it would have meant (15 give up) an even better contract in New York.'

It was getting dark and storm clouds were beginning (16 form) when we eventually arrived at the mountain hut. We'd begun (17 think) we might have lost our way.

Robert is putting on weight. He says he can't help (18 eat) large meals however hard he tries. He hopes that the new football season may help him (19 take) off a few pounds.

You say you've tried (20 stop) (21 snore) but have failed. Have you tried (22 sleep) on your stomach?

Although I generally prefer (23 be) frank to (24 be) secretive, on this particular occasion I prefer (25 keep) my opinion of Denis to myself, if you don't mind.

My uncle started (26 smoke) heavily a couple of years ago and now his health is starting (27 deteriorate).

Lady Blenkinsop says she got my cheque. Well, I remember (28 write) it, but I don't remember (29 post) it to her.

However good one may think it is (30 get) out into the fresh air at weekends, it's no good (31 try) (32 convince) Toby of that; he prefers indoor pursuits like billiards.

'I see that Ken has arrived to play tennis with us. I understood him (33 say) yesterday that he wouldn't have time for a game today, didn't you?'

'Yes, I did, but I can understand him (34 change) his mind when he heard Sheila was here.'

I dread (35 think) what my father's reaction will be when I tell him the news. That's why I'm dreading (36 go) home tomorrow for the weekend.

I hate him (37 criticise) me the way he does. But I'd hate him (38 think) his criticism had any effect upon me, and so I keep quiet.

My mother wants me (39 cut) the lawn. I know it wants (40 cut), but I really haven't time this weekend.

You can't say Harry McArthur hasn't tried (41 interest) his son Charles in fishing. He has even tried (42 give) him a prize for every fish he catches, but all in vain.

You need (43 be) a little more careful in what you say to Sheila's mother. I know her ideas need (44 modernise), but there it is; she strongly objects to risqué stories.

If I've forgotten (45 lock) the car it's the last time I'll forget (46 do) so because it's sure to have been stolen!

After he'd talked about politics for a bit, Sir James went on (47 tell) us about his experiences in Brazil. I must say this was a relief, because if he'd gone on (48 talk) about politics most of us would have got a bit bored.

I'd have very much liked (49 have) your advice yesterday on a financial matter, but I didn't like (50 ring) you in case you were busy.

10D Verbs taking the infinitive or -ing (participle) according to meaning

be	d	get	c	leave	c	see	a
come	b	go	b	notice	a	send	b
feel	a	have	c	observe	a	take	b
find	c	hear	a	overhear	a	watch	a

These verbs fall into four groups which are dealt with below (a-d), after the Introductory note.

Introductory note: The present participle or verb-adjective in -ing has already occurred in this book as a causal link (3A), a time link (7) and in shortened relative constructions (8C). It is important that you should be familiar with its use in these contexts and in those given below rather than worry about the grammatical difference between it and the gerund or verb-noun (10B), a difference that sometimes disappears. However, there is an important practical difference, which is that the present participle, unlike the gerund (10Bd, e), can not be preceded by a possessive:

We saw him (not his) leaving by the back stairs.
The object of saw is *him*, which can become the subject in a corresponding passive:

He was seen leaving by the back stairs.
Compare with these sentences the following, in which the respective object and subject is *his leaving* (gerund) *secretly like this*: