

Practice

1 Change the verb in brackets to a *to*-infinitive or *-ing* form as appropriate. Add any other preposition that is needed.

- Have you ever considered (**move**) to York; it is considered (**be**) one of the nicest cities in England.
- I like (**leave**) home before 8.15 in the morning. I don't like (**sit**) in traffic when I know I could be doing something useful at work.
- We were meant (**leave**) at seven but that would have meant (**get**) up at 5.30.
- I'm rather afraid (**bring**) the subject up with her because I'm afraid (**upset**) her.
- As you're so keen (**follow**) fashions, you'll probably be keen (**visit**) this exhibition.
- I regret (**inform**) you that I already regret (**enrol**) for this course.
- Fortunately I remembered (**bolt**) the door, but to be honest, I don't remember (**do**) so.
- She stopped (**shout**) for a moment and he decided (**have**) a cigarette.
- My intention was (**stay**) single; I really had no intention (**get**) married.
- This guitar needs (**tune**) and you also need (**do**) something about your piano.

2 Rewrite each of the following as one sentence with a *to*-infinitive clause or *-ing* noun clause starting with the words given.

Example: I wish he wouldn't put that music on when I'm trying to sleep.
I object to his putting that music on when I'm trying to sleep.

- I understood the plot. It wasn't a problem for me.
Understanding
- The kidnapper said that he would shoot the hostages if food wasn't sent.
The kidnapper threatened
- It's not often that I get the chance of going to the USA.
The opportunity
- Seeing you again after all this time is wonderful.
It's
- The audience couldn't understand everything she said because the subject was so difficult.
For the audience
- I think it's brilliant that you've got such a good job.
I think your

3 At the end of all these openings, add a form of *come / coming / for coming*, etc. *to England*. Write out the sentences in full using the opening given.

Example: At first I was reluctant to come to England.

- I had no desire...
- In fact I was dead set against...
- But my parents wanted me...
- Of course my boyfriend wouldn't let me...
- But then my boss insisted on me...
- I wasn't too keen...
- But he made me...
- Anyway, I began to have second thoughts about...
- And finally I came round to the idea of...
- And I must say I don't regret...

4 Fill each of the gaps with a suitable word from the list. Some, but not all, of the words are given.

regret delight sue broadening entitles managed pride resented objected protest subjected

Dear John,

It is with great (1) that I have to herewith give you notice that I (2) to leave the organisation at the end of next month.

I would like to say that it has been a (3) working for you and I have (4) being part of the team. I know we have had our ups and downs and at times I must confess I (5) being called a liar and being (6) to apologise for mistakes I had not made. However, overall, the experience has been good for me and I have taken great (7) in (8) that experience in many ways. As you know, I have never (9) to being made the scapegoat whenever one was needed and I think you will (10) that I have (11) to keep up a brave face even when I was being (12) of all kinds of heinous crimes. I have taken great (13) in doing my work well, despite your (14) that I was as much good as a fart in a colander. But I know for me to (15) about your treatment is pointless.

..... (16) the boss of such a department gives you the right to be aggressive, boorish and ill-mannered. It allows you to treat your employees as if they did not exist. Whether it (17) you to call me an incompetent twit only the courts will decide. My (18) now are to have a holiday and then to look for a position in which I will not be (19) to continual abuse and bullying. My next step will be to (20) you for constructive dismissal.

Thank you for giving me three wonderful years of employment.