

Infinitives and -ing forms exercise

Some nouns and adjectives can be followed by -ing forms. There are also some nouns and adjectives that can be followed by either an -ing form or an infinitive.

Test your knowledge of infinitives and -ing forms with this grammar test. There are 10 questions in this test. Each question is followed by three suggested answers. Choose the most appropriate one.

1. I hate the idea old.

to get

of getting

2. The thought never entered his head.

to fail

of failing

3. She is very good problems.

to solve

at solve

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at solving

4. I am tired to advice.

to listen

of listening

5. A strimmer is a machine
grass and weeds.

to cut

for cutting

6. I must find something that
fly.

to kill

for killing

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7. I am proud won.

of having

to have

Either could be used here

8. You can't make an omelette without
..... eggs.

to break

breaking

to breaking

9. I look forward to from
you.

hear

hearing

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10. I am not used to in London.

drive

driving

Answers

1. I hate the idea of getting old.
2. The thought of failing never entered his head.
3. She is very good at solving problems.
4. I am tired of listening to advice.
5. A strimmer is a machine for cutting grass and weeds.
6. I must find something to kill that fly.
7. I am proud of having won. / I am proud to have won.
8. You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs.
9. I look forward to hearing from you.
10. I am not used to driving in London.