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Oops! I Forgot

A. Choose the infinitive or gerund form to complete each sentence. Both forms can be used in some sentences.

- Everybody started _____ when the comedian came on stage.
 a. to laugh b. laughing
- We're hoping _____ a new car soon.
 a. to buy b. buying
- Miss Green continued _____ private lessons even after she retired.
 a. to teach b. teaching
- The baby began _____ in the middle of the night.
 a. to cough b. coughing
- It's worth it _____ to the concert early to get good seats.
 a. to get b. getting
- We started _____ when their parents arrived.
 a. to put things in order b. putting things in order
- They managed _____ the gold in the Olympics.
 a. to get b. getting
- My boyfriend promised _____ smoking as his New Year's resolution.
 a. to give up b. giving up



B. Choose the correct answer.

- a. I fed the cat, but I don't remember to let letting her out. Where is she?
 b. You must remember to let / letting the cat out every night.
- a. Please remember to close / closing the door when you leave.
 b. I remember to close closing the door just now, but I'm not sure if I locked it.
- a. Did you remember to buy / buying the cheese?
 b. I bought the cheese, but I don't remember to buy buying the milk.
- a. Judy remembers to put putting the money in her desk, but it's not there now.
 b. Judy must remember to put / putting her money in a safe place from now on.

C. Complete the sentences with *try to* + infinitive or *try* + gerund. Use the correct form of *try* and the verbs in parentheses.

1. Joe tried to pass the runner in front of him, but he couldn't. (pass)
2. Melissa tried dancing in her high-heeled shoes, but she fell. (dance)
3. Joan tried speaking Italian in Italy, and she was able to communicate. (speak)
4. We tried to go to Jake's beach place, but we got lost. (go)
5. Have you tried swimming in the river? The current is very strong. (swim)
6. Victor tried to sleep in the tent, but the campsite was too noisy. (sleep)
7. I tried to finish my report before supper, but I still haven't completed it. (finish)
8. We tried putting together the new desk ourselves, and it looks nice. (put together)

D. Write sentences for these situations. Use *remember* or *try* + infinitive or gerund. There are many possible sentences. *Answers will vary.*

1. I had all the ingredients to make pasta. I didn't forget to buy anything when I was at the store.
(remember) _____

2. At first, I couldn't find the box of spaghetti, and then it came to me that I had put it on the top shelf.
(remember) _____

3. I wanted to open the jar of pasta sauce but I couldn't.
(try) _____

4. My roommate recommended that I use the jar opener. It worked.
My roommate said, "Try _____."

5. I put some extra spice in the sauce to see if it gave the sauce more flavor, and it did taste better.
(try) _____

6. I didn't forget to test the pasta in the boiling water to check if it wasn't too soft. It was the best pasta I've ever made.
(remember) _____



E. Complete the sentences. Use *either . . . or* or *neither . . . nor*.

1. We can have either hamburgers or hot dogs for supper. Both are in the refrigerator.
2. Neither Rebecca nor Jason can play the drums. We have to ask someone else to join our band.
3. Neither Phil nor Lesley has called me back. I don't know if they want to go on the picnic with us.
4. We can either watch the movie or the reality show on TV. Tell me which you would rather do.
5. Either turn down the music or I'll call the police.
6. Neither James nor Andrea has a car, so we'll have to take the bus.

F. Rewrite the following sentences. Use *either . . . or* or *neither . . . nor*.

1. You can pay by check or by credit card.
You can pay either by check or by credit card.
2. The prize will be given to Hilary or Glen.
The prize will be given either to Hilary or Glen.
3. John and Tim didn't pass the final exam.
Neither John nor Tim passed the final exam.
4. It's your choice. It's a vacation or a new car.
We can't have both.
It's your choice. It's either a vacation or a new car. We can't have both.
5. Gerald and Gordon can't play in the park today.
They have been very naughty.
Neither Gerald nor Gordon can play in the park today. They have been very naughty.
6. You can get to the island by air or by sea.
You can get to the island either by air or by sea.
7. If you don't finish your work, you can't go out.
Either you finish your work or you can't go out.
8. My boots aren't in the closet. And I can't find my jacket there.
I can't find either my boots or my jacket in the closet.



- G. Read about Karl. Number the paragraphs in the correct order. The first one is done for you.



- 1 Every morning Karl Banks goes through the same routine: his alarm clock goes off, and for a few moments, he is confused and disoriented. Then Karl pulls out his smartphone and starts to read the first entry in his agenda: EAT BREAKFAST. It is the first of many reminders that tell Karl what to do throughout the day. It is hard for him to remember to do things, as well to remember having done them.
- 4 As a result of the operation, Karl suffered memory loss. He also lost the ability to understand others' subtle expressions of emotions. He broke up with his girlfriend, and his family has suffered terribly because of his lack of emotional response.
- 2 Five years ago, the seventeen-year-old from Santa Barbara, California, was going to go to college on a full sports scholarship. One day he was playing baseball with his friends in his parents' yard. He slipped, fell, and hit his head against a concrete wall. Witnesses described the sound as "like a bowling ball hitting the floor." The impact opened a large hole in Karl's head.
- 5 Nevertheless, Karl acknowledges he is lucky to be alive. Although he has gone through a lot, he hasn't given up, and he is able to function in society. He believes that through modern medicine, he has been given a second chance at life.
- 3 Karl Banks was rushed, unconscious, to the nearest hospital. A team of neurosurgeons decided to deal with the swelling of the head they would take an extraordinary risk: they removed a quarter of Karl's brain. They took out the part for short-term memory, emotion, and impulse control. Karl remained in a coma, unconscious, for seven days after the twenty-hour operation.

- H. Read the text and circle *true* or *false*.

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| 1. Karl Banks cannot walk since the accident. | true | <input type="radio"/> false |
| 2. Karl is happy to be alive. | <input type="radio"/> true | false |
| 3. The surgeons had to take out part of Karl's brain. | <input type="radio"/> true | false |
| 4. Karl cannot understand other people's emotions since the accident. | <input type="radio"/> true | false |
| 5. Karl hit his head on a wall when he was playing basketball. | true | <input type="radio"/> false |

I. Writing Corner

You have forgotten everything you've done in the past week. Write about the problems you encounter.

Answers will vary.
