7A uses of the infinitive with to

1 I need to buy some new clothes.  Try not to talk about politics.
2 It’ll be nice to meet your parents. It’s important not to be late.
3 I don’t know where to go or what to do.
4 A Why did you go to the party? B To meet new people.
   I went to the party to meet new people.

• The infinitive is the base form of the verb. It is often used with to. It can be positive (e.g. to be) or negative (e.g. not to be).
• Use the infinitive with to:
  1 after some verbs, e.g. want, need, would like, etc. See Verb forms p.158.
  2 after adjectives.
  3 after question words, e.g. what, where, when, etc.
  4 to say why you do something.

I came to this school to learn English. NOT for learn English.

7B uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

1 Eating outside in the summer makes me feel good. My idea of happiness is getting up late and not going to work.
2 I love reading in bed. I hate not getting to the airport early.
3 I’m thinking of buying a new car. He left without saying goodbye.

• The gerund is the base form of the verb + ing. It can be positive (e.g. going) or negative (e.g. not going).
• Use the gerund:
  1 as the subject or object of a sentence.
  2 after some verbs, e.g. like, love, hate, enjoy, etc. See Verb forms p.158.
  3 after prepositions.
  4 Remember the spelling rules for the -ing form. See 1C p.126.

7A Match the sentence halves.

Be ready [B]
1 Do we need
2 In some countries it’s important
3 I know you’re tired, but try
4 We were late, so Simon offered
5 It’s difficult
A to give us a lift to the station.
B to show your passport at check-in.
C not to forget people’s names in a big class.
D to dress correctly in public.
E to buy some dollars at the airport?
F not to fall asleep during the film!

7B Complete the sentences with a positive or negative infinitive.

do not drive • go • have • learn • look for • not make • meet

I’m planning to have a party next week.
1 A Hi, I’m Donatella. B I’m Renée. Nice ______ you.
2 What do you want ______ tonight?
3 I need ______ to the shop. I don’t have any bread or milk.
4 Try ______ a noise. Your father’s asleep.
5 I’d really like ______ how to drive.
6 Be careful ______ too fast on the way home – the roads are icy.
7 He’s decided ______ a new job.

7B a Complete the sentences with a verb in the list in the -ing form.

be • de • practise • remember • study • swim • teach • text • travel

I really enjoy doing exercise. It makes me feel great!
1 One thing that always makes me happy is ______ in the sea.
2 You can’t learn to play a musical instrument well without ______ regularly.
3 My mother’s very bad at ______ names.
4 ______ teenagers is very hard work.
5 My sister spends hours on the phone ______ her friends.
6 I hate ______ the first to arrive at parties.
7 ______ by train is usually cheaper than by plane.
8 I’ll go on ______ for as long as I can – I love being a student!

b Put the verbs in the -ing form or infinitive.

I like listening to the radio in the mornings. (listen)
1 ______ Pilates is good for your health. (do)
2 We’ve decided ______ a holiday this year. (not have)
3 We won’t take the car. It’s impossible ______. (park)
4 I’m not very good at ______ maps. (read)
5 You can borrow the car if you promise ______ slowly. (drive)
6 Has it stopped ______? (rain)
7 I don’t mind ______, but I don’t like ______ the washing-up. (cook, do)
8 I hate ______ early in the morning. (get up)