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2. Fill in the missing preposition. Use the dictionary to help you.

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| 1. amazed the price | 11. excited the party |
| 2. annoyed her being late | 12. fond animals |
| 3. aware the risks involved | 13. very good maths |
| 4. bad sports | 14. good old people |
| 5. bad your health | 15. interested art |
| 6. bored doing homework | 16. keen travelling |
| 7. crazy baseball | 17. responsible the accident |
| 8. dependent his parents | 18. rude his mother |
| 9. different her sister | 19. short money |
| 10. engaged an heiress | 20. worried her son's delay |

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3. In the dictionary, the past simple and past participle forms of verbs are shown as headwords when they are irregular. Look up the following forms of irregular verbs and complete the table.

BASE FORM	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
		abode
	bore	
		begotten
	bereft	
		cleft
	girt	
		hove
		hewn
	overbore	
		shorn
	smote	
		trodden

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4. Below is a list of words containing uncountable nouns (U), nouns which look singular but are in fact plural, and nouns which look plural but are actually singular. Use the dictionary to complete the table.

measles **darts** **spaghetti** **maths** **athletics**
cattle **baggage** **advice** **homework** **information**
billiards **clergy** **rubbish** **furniture** **police**
luggage **people** **news** **nonsense**

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS	PLURAL NOUNS	SINGULAR NOUNS
<i>advice</i>	<i>people</i>	<i>measles</i>

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5. Use the dictionary to translate the following sentences. Be careful of the countable and uncountable nouns!

1. una bella notizia
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2. un mobile del Settecento
.....
3. un'informazione falsa
.....
4. un bagaglio ingombrante
.....
5. un cattivo consiglio
.....
6. un compito di matematica molto difficile
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6. Look up the following verbs in the dictionary. Which of them are followed by the gerund (*-ing*)? Which are always followed by the infinitive (*infinitive + to*)? Which verbs can be followed by either the gerund or the infinitive (*-ing* and *infinitive + to*)? Group them in the boxes below.

offer	propose	continue	avoid	finish	begin
imagine	decide	plan	fail	long	deny
love	intend	enjoy	risk	like	agree
start	delay	fancy	pretend	promise	expect
hate	prefer	hope	mind	suggest	

- ING	- ING/ INFINITIVE + TO	INFINITIVE + TO
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7. Now complete the following sentences using the *infinitive* or the *-ing* form.

1. They arranged at the station. (meet)
2. She always pretends, but I know she isn't. (be interested)
3. He never admitted the money. (steal)
4. She continued throughout her life. (study)
5. Do you fancy to see a movie sometime? (go)
6. My sister promised to me every week. (write)
7. Have they begun the house yet? (build)
8. Imagine to do all your shopping from your armchair! (be able)

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8. Here is a group of words which all end in **-LY**. Try to guess whether they are adverbs or adjectives, or whether they can be both. Then with the help of the dictionary, sort out the three categories, as in the example.

really likely highly deathly hardly friendly
 slightly yearly lovely kindly lately silly unlikely
 curly nearly fairly only ugly early actually
 daily badly holy lively ghastly weekly monthly

ADJECTIVES	ADJECTIVES/ADVERBS	ADVERBS
<i>curly</i>	<i>daily</i>	<i>actually</i>

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9. It is very useful to learn the *verb + preposition* combinations together. Use the dictionary to match each verb with its appropriate preposition and join the split sentences.

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| 1. He accused me | a. to my grandmother. |
| 2. I apologized | b. of stealing his wallet. |
| 3. My friend Paul doesn't believe | c. on her engagement? |
| 4. This beautiful necklace belonged | d. for being so terribly late. |
| 5. I borrowed the book | e. with robbery and assault. |
| 6. Did you congratulate Sylvia | f. about/over something. |
| 7. Mrs Jones depends | g. with you for a while? |
| 8. Would you mind if I swapped places | h. on her son for everything. |
| 9. The criminal has been charged | i. from his sister. |
| 10. She's always worrying | j. in life after death. |