

Word on the Street

York Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

1. If you're in London, I recommend _____ a day at the British Museum.
a) to spend
b) spending
c) Both a) and b) are possible.
2. Do you want _____ a cake with your coffee?
a) to have
b) having
c) Both a) and b) are possible.
3. My nephew Josh just loves _____ science fiction films.
a) to watch
b) watching
c) Both a) and b) are possible.
4. Since I've retired, I really enjoy _____ time with my grandchildren.
a) to spend
b) spending

- c) Both a) and b) are possible.
5. My father's planning _____ at the end of next year.
a) to retire
b) retiring
c) Both a) and b) are possible.
6. Would you like _____ tonight?
There are some good films on at the cinema.
a) to go out
b) going out
c) Both a) and b) are possible.
7. If you're taking antibiotics, you should probably avoid _____ milk.
a) to drink
b) drinking
c) Both a) and b) are possible.
8. I don't have a lot of DVDs. I prefer _____ my money on books.
a) to spend
b) spending
c) Both a) and b) are possible.

Activity 2

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets (), the infinitive with 'to' (e.g. 'to do') or the -ing form (e.g. 'doing').

1. Please remember _____ (pay) the phone bill. We have to do it this week.
2. The phone company say we haven't

paid the bill but I can definitely remember _____ (pay) it.

3. I regret _____ (inform) you that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.
4. I really regret _____ (change) my job. I should've stayed where I was!
5. If the photocopier gets stuck, try _____ (turn) it off for a few seconds.
6. I'm trying _____ (turn) on this photocopier but I can't find the switch! Where is it?

Activity 3

Complete the sentences with 'too' or 'very'.

too / too / too / too / too /
very / very / very

1. I'm going for a run in the morning. Do you want to come _____?
2. It's _____ hot to eat outside. Let's stay indoors.
3. Can I have a glass of wine, please? And some water _____.
4. Felicity's _____ clever. She gets top marks for all her homework.
5. I won't be able to vote in the next election. I'm _____ young.
6. Don't add the meat to the pan until the oil is _____ hot.
7. Our house is _____ old. It's got lots of character.
8. Our house is _____ old. We're always having problems with it.

Answers

Activity 1

1. b) spending
2. a) to have
3. c) Both a) and b) are possible.
4. b) spending
5. a) to retire
6. a) to go out
7. b) drinking
8. c) Both a) and b) are possible.

Activity 2

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2. The phone company say we haven't paid the bill but I can definitely remember paying it.
3. I regret to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.
4. I really regret changing my job. I should've stayed where I was!
5. If the photocopier gets stuck, try turning it off for a few seconds.
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Activity 3

1. I'm going for a run in the morning. Do you want to come too?
2. It's too hot to eat outside. Let's stay indoors.
3. Can I have a glass of wine, please? And some water too.
4. Felicity's very clever. She gets top marks for all her homework.
5. I won't be able to vote in the next election. I'm too young.
6. Don't add the meat to the pan until the oil is very hot.
7. Our house is very old. It's got lots of character.
8. Our house is too old. We're always having problems with it.