

- 4 Use the new words to paraphrase the sentences.
- 1) Jane admitted that she had stolen the money. 2) Bob put the check into the letter and wrote Eliza's name on the envelope. 3) I'm trying to organize a meeting with all the members of the team. 4) Philip did it on purpose. 5) Write the word punishment in quotation marks. 6) We'll need to put the chairs around the table. 7) I know that he is going to take part in the competition. 8) Use this gel to make the discomfort of sunburn less painful and unpleasant. 9) A statue was put up in his honour. 10) This subject needs to be dealt with carefully. 11) There was a wall around the playground.

- 5 Read the text and complete the sentences after it.

### Aurigae II

Dear Pen Pal,

You say that I failed to answer your question about how I expected to visit Earth. I confess I deliberately ignored the question as my experiment had not gone far enough. I hope that soon I will be able to give you the details. You are right in saying that it would be difficult for a being who lives at a temperature of 500 degrees Fahrenheit to mix freely with the people of Earth. This was never my intention, so please relieve your mind. It would be pleasant to leave my body behind and tour the universe — but I'll discuss that later.

I wouldn't say that we're a superior race. We have certain qualities which obviously your people do not have. We live longer, not because of any discoveries we've made about ourselves, but because our bodies are built of a more lasting element — I don't know your name for it, but the atomic weight is 52.9 =/. Our scientific discoveries are of the kind that would normally be made by a race with our kind of physical structure. The fact that we can work with very high temperatures has been very helpful in the development of the subspace energies which are extremely hot, and require delicate adjustments. In the later stages these adjustments can be made by machinery, but in the development the work must be done by "hand" — I put that word in quotes, because we have no hands in the same way that you have.

I am enclosing a photographic plate, properly cooled and chemicalized for your climate. I wonder if you would set it up and take a picture of yourself. All you have to do is arrange it properly on the basis of the laws of light — that is, light travels in straight lines, so stand in front of it — and when you are ready think "Ready!". The picture will be automatically taken.

Would you do this for me? If you are interested, I will also send you a picture of myself, though I must warn you, my appearance will probably shock you.

Sincerely,

Skander

(extract from "Dear Pen Pal" by A.E. van Vogt)

1) This letter to his pen pal is ... .

- a) Skander's first letter
- b) not Skander's first letter
- c) Skander's only letter
- d) is meant to be Skander's last letter

2) Skander's intention is ... .

- a) to do a new experiment
- b) to experiment with high temperatures
- c) to live among humans
- d) to inform his pen pal about his progress with the experiment

3) In his letter Skander says that his race ... .

- a) is scientifically more advanced than people on Earth
- b) has made some important scientific discoveries
- c) has physical characteristics different from those possessed by humans
- d) is physically more powerful than humans

4) In the context of the story the phrase "the work must be done by hand" means ... .

- a) that the work requires skill and attention
- b) that it is usually done without the use of mechanisms
- c) that the work must be done in a traditional way
- d) that the work doesn't require advanced technologies

5) According to the text Skander ... .

- a) wants to explain to his pen pal some laws of light
- b) asks his pen pal what he looks like
- c) sends his pen pal a photo of himself
- d) wants to get a photographic image of his pen pal

6 A. Use your imagination and try to figure out:

- what Skander looked like;
- why it was impossible for him to visit Earth in a usual way by spaceship or in a flying saucer;
- how he corresponded with his pen pal;
- what Skander's plans are.

B. What in your view will be the ending of the story?



### English Idioms with Infinitives and Gerund

В английском языке есть целый ряд устойчивых словосочетаний, в состав которых входят неличные формы глагола — инфинитив и герундий. Полезно запомнить некоторые из них и использовать их в речи.

#### I. Idioms with the infinitive

- to be honest — честно говоря
- to begin with — для начала
- to tell you the truth — по правде говоря
- to cut a long story short — короче говоря
- to put it another way — иначе говоря
- to get back to the point — возвращаясь к сути дела (к нашему вопросу)
- so to speak — так сказать

- II. Idioms with the gerund
- frankly speaking — честно говоря
  - generally speaking — вообще говоря
  - roughly ['rʌfli] speaking — грубо говоря
  - strictly speaking — строго говоря
  - supposing — предположим

**7** A. Complete the sentences with the appropriate words.

1) Finally Sofie changed her mind, to ... it another way, she made a new plan. 2) I'm sorry I've taken so much of your time, telling you about my weekend, now to ... back to the point, I'd like to acquaint you with the company's new project. 3) I never found a common language with Jnny, to ... honest I was relieved to say goodbye to her. 4) They got married and were very very happy. To ... a long story short, they lived long and died on the same day. 5) I have so much to tell you: to ... with, I've been offered a new interesting job. 6) Jack wasn't the most important person in the firm, always played second fiddle, ... to speak. 7) Laura is too young for this job, to ... you the truth, I don't think it's her level.

B. Match the expressions with the sentences.

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| 1) frankly speaking   | a) When I say this, I'm trying to be accurate.              |
| 2) generally speaking | b) It may be a possible situation.                          |
| 3) strictly speaking  | c) I want to give my honest opinion.                        |
| 4) roughly speaking   | d) She spoke without giving any details.                    |
| 5) supposing          | e) The information I'm giving you is general and not exact. |

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**8** Use the prepositions from the box to complete the sentences.

by, for, in, of, to, up

1) I have no intention ... changing my plans. 2) Could you, please, write the word *fam-ily* ... quotes. 3) The mechanic made the necessary adjustment ... the engine. 4) Can you arrange ... the files to be completed by the end of the week? 5) She confessed ... me that she had known his true identity for some time. 6) Greg was arrested and confessed ... the murder. 7) The pool area is enclosed ... a fairly high wall. 8) The members of the band were setting ... their equipment on the stage. 9) The process of adjustment ... life in another country can be very difficult.

**9** Choose the appropriate forms of the words to complete the sentences.

1) When I met my old friend I was greatly (amazed/amazing) by the fact how much he had changed. 2) The new theory doesn't sound (convinced/convincing) to me, I don't agree with it at all. 3) The new TV show was so (captivated/captivating) that it kept most of the adult population of the country in front of the screens for weeks. 4) The tourists were (touched/touching) by the glorious view which opened before their eyes. 5) You can find all the information (referred/referring) to this subject on the new Internet site. 6) Nowadays there are not so many people who are not (affected/affecting) by the mass media. 7) What we watched was an (amused/amusing) comedy with a number of popular actors starring in it. 8) The New Year party (arranged/arranging) by senior pupils for younger ones was a great success. 9) Now (relieved/relieving) of his ill feelings, he was