A/AN, THE, –

Put in a/an or the where necessary. Leave the space empty if the sentence is already complete.

1 I don't usually like staying at – hotels, but last summer we spent a few days at a very nice hotel by the sea.
2 ..... tennis is my favourite sport. I play once or twice ..... week if I can, but I'm not ..... very good player.
3 I won't be home for ..... dinner this evening. I'm meeting some friends after ..... work and we're going to ..... cinema.
4 ..... unemployment is increasing at the moment and it's getting difficult for ..... people to find ..... work.
5 There was ..... accident as I was going ..... home last night. Two people were taken to ..... hospital. I think ..... most accidents are caused by ..... people driving too fast.
6 Carol is ..... economist. She used to work in ..... investment department of ..... Lloyds Bank. Now she works for ..... American bank in ..... United States.
7 A: What's ..... name of ..... hotel where you're staying?
B: ..... Imperial. It's in ..... Queen Street in ..... city centre. It's near ..... station.
8 I have two brothers. ..... older one is training to be ..... pilot with ..... British Airways. ..... younger one is still at ..... school. When he leaves ..... school, he wants to go to ..... university to study ..... law.

GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

1) Put the verb into the correct form.

1 How old were you when you learnt to drive ? (drive)
2 I don't mind walking home, but I'd rather get a taxi. (walk, get)
3 I can't make a decision. I keep ..... my mind. (change)
4 He had made his decision and refused ..... his mind. (change)
5 Why did you change your decision? What made you ..... your mind? (change)
6 It was a really good holiday. I really enjoyed ..... by the sea again. (be)
7 Did I really tell you I was unhappy? I don't remember ..... that. (say)
8 'Remember ..... Tom tomorrow.' 'OK. I won't forget.' (phone)
9 The water here is not very good. I'd avoid ..... it if I were you. (drink)
10 I pretended ..... interested in the conversation, but really it was very boring. (be)
11 I got up and looked out of the window ..... what the weather was like. (see)
12 I have a friend who claims ..... able to speak five languages. (be)
13 I like ..... carefully about things before ..... a decision. (think, make)
14 I had a flat in the centre of town but I didn't like ..... there, so I decided ..... . (live, move)
15 Steve used ..... a footballer. He had to stop ..... because of an injury. (be, play)
16 After ..... by the police, the man admitted ..... the car but denied ..... at 100 miles an hour. (stop, steal, drive)
17 A: How do you make this machine ..... ? (work)
A: I'm not sure. Try ..... that button and see what happens. (press)

2) Make sentences from the words in brackets.

1 I can't find the tickets. (I / seem / lose / them)
I seem to have lost them.

2 I haven't got far to go. (it / not / worth / take / a taxi)
It's not worth taking a taxi.

3 I'm feeling a bit tired. (I / not / fancy / go / out)

4 Tim isn't very reliable. (he / tend / forget / things)

5 I've got a lot of luggage. (you / mind / help / me?)

6 There's nobody at home. (everybody / seem / go out)

7 We don't like our flat. (we / think / move)

8 The vase was very valuable. (I / afraid / touch / it)

9 Bill never carries money with him. (he / afraid / robbed)

10 I wouldn't go to see the film. (it / not / worth / see)

11 I'm very tired after that long walk. (I / not / used / walk / so far)

12 Sue is on holiday. I received a postcard from her yesterday. (she / seem / enjoy / herself)

13 Dave had lots of photographs he'd taken while on holiday. (he / insist / show / them to me)

14 I don't want to do the shopping. (I'd rather / somebody else / do / it)

3) Complete the second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first.

1 I was surprised I passed the exam.
I didn't expect to pass the exam .

2 Did you manage to solve the problem?
Did you succeed in solving the problem ?

3 I don't read newspapers any more.
I've given up .

4 I'd prefer not to go out tonight.
I'd rather .

5 He can't walk very well.
He has difficulty .

6 Shall I phone you this evening?
Do you want ?

7 Nobody saw me come in.
I came in without .

8 They said I was a cheat.
I was accused .

9 It will be good to see them again.
I'm looking forward .

10 What do you think I should do?
What do you advise me ?