

## there's no point in -ing, it's worth -ing etc.

## A

We say:

there's no point in  
it's no use  
it's no good

doing something

- ☐ There's no point in **having** a car if you never use it.
- ☐ There was no point in **waiting** any longer, so we left.
- ☐ It's no use **worrying** about what happened. There's nothing you can do about it.
- ☐ It's no good **trying** to persuade me. You won't succeed.

We say 'no point in ...' but 'the point of ...':

- ☐ There's **no point in** having a car.
- ☐ What's **the point of** having a car if you never use it?

## B

We say:

it's worth  
it's not worth

doing something

- ☐ It's a nice town. **It's worth spending** a few days there.
- ☐ Our flight was very early in the morning, so **it wasn't worth going** to bed.

You can say that something is **worth it** or **not worth it**:

- ☐ You should spend a couple of days here. **It's worth it.**
- ☐ We didn't go to bed. **It wasn't worth it.**

You can also say that something is **worth doing**, a movie is **worth seeing** etc.:

- ☐ It's a great movie. It's **worth seeing**.
- ☐ Thieves broke into the house, but didn't take anything. There was nothing **worth stealing**.
- ☐ It's an interesting idea. It's **worth thinking** about.

## C

We say:

have

trouble  
difficulty  
a problem

doing something

- ☐ I had no **trouble finding** a place to stay. (*not* trouble to find)
- ☐ Did you have **a problem getting** a visa?
- ☐ People sometimes have **difficulty reading** my writing.

## D

We say:

spend  
waste

(time)

doing something

- ☐ He **spent** hours **trying** to repair the clock.
- ☐ I **waste** a lot of time **doing** nothing.

We also say '(be) **busy doing** something':

- ☐ She said she couldn't meet me. She was too **busy doing** other things.

## E

We use **go -ing** for sports and other activities. For example:

go sailing  
go surfing

go swimming  
go scuba diving

go fishing  
go skiing

go riding  
go jogging

go hiking  
go camping

- ☐ How often do you **go swimming**?
- ☐ We **went skiing** last year.
- ☐ Tom isn't here. He's **gone shopping**.
- ☐ I've never **been sailing**.

## Exercises

## 63.1 Which goes with which?

- 1 It's a nice town.
- 2 It's an interesting idea.
- 3 It's no use standing here talking.
- 4 It's not important.
- 5 There's no point in looking for him.
- 6 It's no good apologising to me.
- 7 It's not worth arguing with him.
- 8 The hotel is a short walk from here.

- a I don't believe you're sorry.
- b We'll never find him.
- c It's not worth getting a taxi.
- d We have to do something.
- e He won't change his opinion.
- f ~~It's worth spending a few days here.~~
- g It's not worth worrying about.
- h It's worth considering.

- 1 f
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....

63.2 Write sentences beginning **There's no point ...**.

- 1 Why have a car if you never use it?

There's no point in having a car if you never use it.

- 2 Why work if you don't need money?

- 3 Don't try to study if you feel tired.

- 4 Why hurry if you have plenty of time?

## 63.3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 I managed to get a visa, but it was difficult.

I had a problem getting a visa

- 2 I find it hard to remember people's names.

I have a problem .....

- 3 Lucy found a job easily. It wasn't a problem.

She had no trouble .....

- 4 It will be easy to get a ticket for the game.

You won't have any problems .....

- 5 It was easy for us to understand one another.

We had no difficulty .....

63.4 Complete the sentences. Use only **one** word each time.

- 1 I waste a lot of time doing nothing.
- 2 How much time do you spend ..... to and from work every day?
- 3 Karen is going on holiday tomorrow, so she's busy ..... her things ready.
- 4 I waste too much time ..... TV.
- 5 There was a beautiful view from the hill. It was worth ..... to the top.
- 6 We need to stay calm. There's no point in ..... angry.
- 7 Amy is learning to play the guitar. She spends a lot of time .....
- 8 Gary is enjoying his new job. He's busy ..... on a new project.
- 9 I decided it wasn't worth ..... for the job. I had no chance of getting it.
- 10 It's no good ..... to escape. You won't be able to get out of here.

## 63.5 Complete these sentences. Choose from the following and put the verb in the correct form.

**go riding   go sailing   go shopping   go skiing   go swimming**

- 1 Ben lives by the sea and he's got a boat, so he often goes sailing.
- 2 It was a very hot day, so we ..... in the lake.
- 3 There's plenty of snow in the mountains, so we'll be able to .....
- 4 Helen has two horses. She ..... regularly.
- 5 Dan isn't here. He ..... There were a few things he needed to buy.