Gerund as subject, by/for + gerund, after/before + participle clause

1 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

(1) ____________ (cook) this meal is easy when you follow the recipe. Before (2) ____________ (start), get all the ingredients you need: six eggs, oil, mushrooms, red pepper, salt, pepper and a little milk, and put them on the table. Start by (3) ____________ (cut) the mushrooms and red pepper into thin pieces. Make sure you use a sharp knife for (4) ____________ (slice) the mushrooms. Heat a little oil in the bottom of the frying pan and lightly fry the mushrooms and pepper. (5) ____________ (keep) an eye on the frying pan, break the six eggs into a bowl. After (6) ____________ (add) a little milk, mix for a few minutes. Pour the mixture into the frying pan, (7) ____________ (stir) all the time. Before (8) ____________ (serve), add salt and pepper so that the omelette tastes perfect. Serve with green salad for a great meal.

2 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in the box.

keep    press    stay    store    wake up    walk

1 The disk is used for ____________ computer files.
2 ____________ every day is the best way to stay healthy.
3 It’s used for ____________ your eggs warm.
4 After ____________ I always need a cup of coffee.
5 The alarm is set by ____________ the red button twice.
6 ____________ in touch with your friends is very important.

3 Write sentences using these prompts.

ruler / measure

It’s a ruler. It’s for measuring things.

1 ruler / draw straight lines

2 paper clip / keep pieces of paper together

3 compass / find your way

4 coat hanger / hang up clothes

5 fork / beat eggs

6 key / lock doors