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

1 Complete the text with the correct form of the words 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 words in the box.

keep store press stay wake up walk

1 The disc 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 By _________ the red button twice the alarm is set.
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