

I managed to stop feeling shy

1 GRAMMAR Verb patterns

a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I usually finish to play / playing / play tennis at about 9 o'clock.
- 2 We decided not taking / not to take / to not take the next train to Rome.
- 3 He keeps to try / try / trying to learn French, but he always gives up.
- 4 We wanted see / to see / seeing the film but there were no tickets left.
- 5 She promised to not fail / not failing / not to fail any exams this year.
- 6 I don't mind not to have / to not have / not having a holiday this year, if we can have one next year.
- 7 They learned to speak / speaking / speak English by talking to their grandfather.
- 8 I hope go / to go / going on holiday to France next summer.
- 9 I really enjoy to spend / spend / spending time with my family.
- 10 I worry about to not do / not do / not doing well in the exams, but I always pass.



b Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in the box.

meet get go take snow ~~buy~~ read play

- 1 He promised to buy her a tablet if she got good grades in her exams.
- 2 We decided _____ the bus because the train was a lot more expensive.
- 3 I really enjoy _____ to the theatre when I'm in London.
- 4 She expected _____ a good result, but she didn't.
- 5 My children used to love _____ games on the beach when they were little.
- 6 She's arranged _____ him at the check-in desk at the airport.
- 7 He finished _____ his book and then went to bed.
- 8 It started _____ heavily last night and now they've closed the airport.

2 VOCABULARY Verbs followed by to + infinitive / verb + -ing

a Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

forgot avoid regretted seemed agreed
managed ~~arranged~~ recommended disliked
missed refused imagined

- 1 They arranged to meet their friends outside the cinema at 7:30.
- 2 When we asked the tour guide, he _____ taking a taxi to the beach.
- 3 Because she was shy, she _____ meeting new people at parties.
- 4 She _____ to take her purse to the restaurant, so her boyfriend had to pay the bill.
- 5 Fortunately, the taxi driver _____ to drive us to the airport when we offered him 50 euros.
- 6 He _____ buying a house by the sea. He thought it would be lovely to walk on the beach every day.
- 7 After she moved from the UK to Australia, she really _____ seeing her family at Christmas.
- 8 I went to work early this morning because I wanted to _____ driving in the city centre during the rush hour.
- 9 Most of the hotels were full, but in the end we _____ to find a lovely hotel near the beach.
- 10 When she got low grades in her university exams, she _____ not working harder.
- 11 The hotel receptionist _____ to understand what I was saying because she brought some cheese sandwiches to our room five minutes later.
- 12 He _____ to leave the waiter a tip because the service was so slow.

b Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 She has avoided / agreed / missed to meet Luke for a coffee after work.
- 2 He usually avoids / missed / recommends speaking to his neighbours because he's rather shy.
- 3 Let's refuse / forget / arrange to have dinner together one evening this week.
- 4 I'm sorry, but I managed / forgot / refused to get any bread when I was at the supermarket.
- 5 She regrets / avoids / recommends going to the Alhambra palace in Granada. She says it's beautiful.
- 6 Now that you live in a flat, do you miss / regret / imagine having a garden?
- 7 I don't want to go to the party, so if they ask me to go with them, I will forget / manage / refuse politely.
- 8 She imagined / disliked / recommended swimming in the sea because the water was always so cold.
- 9 Our baby seems / manages / refuses to prefer classical music to pop music.
- 10 Did you refuse / manage / seem to get some tickets for the concert? Most of them were sold on the first day.