

C Grammar exercises

1 Choose the correct answer. Sometimes more than one option is possible.

- 1 The President *has urged people vote / has urged to vote / has urged people to vote* 'Yes' in tomorrow's referendum on joining the European Union.
- 2 After Arthurs injured his knee last year, a number of specialists *advised him to give up / advised to give up / advised him giving up* football, but he is still playing as well as ever.
- 3 As we entered the art gallery, we *were not asked to use / were asked not to use / were asked to not use* flash photography.
- 4 Despite the likely opposition from local residents, the council *has suggested widening / has suggested to widen / has suggested widen* the main road going through the village.
- 5 A video recording from a security camera at the bank was used in Thomas's trial. It clearly *showed pointing / showed him pointing / showed him to point* a gun at the cashier.
- 6 If you have any questions, please write to me at the above address. I can't *guarantee you to reply / guarantee to reply / guarantee you replying* immediately, but I will certainly write back before the end of the month.
- 7 'You can lead a horse to water but you can't *make it drink / make it to drink / make it drinking*.' (a proverb)
- 8 We really *appreciate you help / appreciate you helping / appreciate your helping* us move house.
- 9 I've decided to look for a new job as I *enjoy not sitting / don't enjoy to sit / don't enjoy sitting* in front of a computer all day.
- 10 Now that Kevin has bought a house in Edinburgh, I will have to *advertise for someone to share / advertise someone sharing / advertise someone to share* my flat with me.

2 Complete these texts using each verb in the appropriate form. If necessary, add a preposition and/or object before the verb.

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- “ I think it's fair to say that Jim Thompson wasn't liked in our company and when he was made sales manager, many of us objected to (1) *his being* promoted. Over the next few weeks, things just got worse. When we walked past his office, we often heard (2) to his friends on the phone. Then one of my colleagues caught (3) some money from the cash box. Eventually, a group of us went to the Managing Director of the company and demanded (4) Thompson dismissed. But despite our objections, the MD said that he wasn't prepared (5) his own son! ”