

Exercise 5

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

Candidates aiming for a high score for Grammatical Range and Accuracy should be able to use common verbs with the correct verb patterns; the structures that are used with certain verbs in sentences. Here are some common examples:

- Verb + to infinitive (*prefer* – Many people prefer to use social media to communicate.)
- Verb + gerund (*imagine* – Young people today cannot imagine living in a world without social media.)
- Verb + object + to infinitive (*enable* – The internet has enabled us to stay in constant communication.)
- Verb + object + bare infinitive (*let* – The internet lets us find information at a speed that would not have been possible twenty years ago.)

Remember that some verbs can use more than one pattern or be used in patterns not shown here. Remember that if you want to check the possible patterns that a verb uses, you can find them in a good dictionary.

1. Technological change has simplified the way people of every nation communicate and allows/lets/makes us talk to more people than ever before.
2. It has been forgotten/ recommended/ suggested by some researchers that even with all of these new methods of communication being available, people are actually talking to each other less than they did before.
3. The development of instant spelling and grammar checkers has allowed/let/made people to write business emails and letters with greater confidence.
4. Many educators encourage/let/ suggest their students to put their mobile devices down for a while and rediscover the benefits of face-to-face communication.
5. The revolution in the way we communicate with each other has probably left many older people feeling out of touch. However, they shouldn't be let/made/ suggested to use these new methods of communication if they don't want to.