

TOEFL GRAMMAR PRACTICE 1

EXERCISE 41: Sentences—Verbs

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct verb. In fact, most of the sentences in the Structure Section are verb problems. A verb is a word or phrase that expresses action or condition. A verb can be classified as transitive or intransitive according to whether it requires a complement; it can be classified further according to the kind of complement it requires, including not only nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs, but also *-ing* forms or infinitives. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. Almost everyone fails _____ the driver's test on the first try.
☐ (A) passing
☐ (B) to have passed
☐ (C) to pass
☐ (D) in passing
2. When the silkworm gets through to lay its eggs, it dies.
☐ (A)
☐ (B)
☐ (C)
☐ (D)
3. If endangered species _____ saved, rain forests must be protected.
☐ (A) are to be
☐ (B) be
☐ (C) can be
☐ (D) will be
4. The average spoken sentence in conversational English takes 2.5 seconds _____.
☐ (A) for to complete
☐ (B) completing
☐ (C) to complete
☐ (D) by completing
5. Only twenty years ago, most doctors agreed _____ truthful with their terminally ill patients, a trend that has reversed itself in modern medical practice.
☐ (A) don't to be
☐ (B) not to be
☐ (C) we shouldn't been
☐ (D) not to been
6. William Torrey Harris was one of the first educators interested _____ a logical progression of topics in the school curriculum.
☐ (A) in establishing
☐ (B) for establishing
☐ (C) establishing
☐ (D) to establish
7. North American Indian tribes used sign language _____ with tribes that spoke a different language or dialect.
☐ (A) to communicating
☐ (B) for communicate
☐ (C) to communicate
☐ (D) for communicated
8. Art tends to be _____ more after the death of the artist, but most literary works tend to decrease in value when the writer dies.
☐ (A) price
☐ (B) worthy
☐ (C) worth
☐ (D) value
9. Adult eagles let their offspring _____ nests near their original nesting area.
☐ (A) build
☐ (B) builds
☐ (C) building
☐ (D) to build
10. A barometer is a device with a sealed metal _____ chamber designed _____ the changes _____ in the pressure of air in the atmosphere.
☐ (A)
☐ (B)
☐ (C)
☐ (D)