

VERB PATTERNS

A. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word(s) in brackets and an infinitive or *-ing* form. Use between two and four words.

1. My mum said she would pick up my friends and me after the party. (AGREED)
My mum _____ my friends and me after the party.
2. I'm not in the mood to cook dinner this evening. (FEEL LIKE)
I don't _____ dinner this evening.
3. It usually takes me an hour to do my homework. (SPEND)
I usually _____ my homework.
4. I won't tell anyone your secret. You can trust me. (PROMISE)
I _____ anyone your secret. You can trust me.
5. She lied and said she was eighteen, so she could get into the nightclub. (PRETENDED)
She _____ eighteen, so that she could get into the nightclub.
6. Do you want to play squash with me tomorrow? (FANCY)
Do you _____ squash with me tomorrow?
7. Do you think your son broke the window on purpose? (MEANT)
Do you think your son _____ the window?
8. You should put on a coat if you're going outside. (SUGGEST)
I _____ a coat if you're going outside.

B. Choose the correct verb form.

1. If you still have a headache, you should try **to take** / **taking** some tablets and see if that helps.
2. I remember **to meet** / **meeting** your father for the first time. I thought he was strict and quite scary!
3. Yuck! That tastes disgusting! Did you mean **to put** / **putting** so much salt in this dish?
4. Sorry I interrupted you. You can go on **to read** / **reading** your book now.
5. Can I borrow £5? I won't forget **to pay** / **paying** you back tomorrow.
6. I really regret **to accept** / **accepting** the job. I hate my boss and the hours are so long.

7. Sorry I'm late. I stopped **to buy** / **buying** you some flowers on my way here!
8. Working on a dairy farm means **to get up** / **getting up** really early in the morning.
9. I regret **to inform** / **informing** you that the 6.15 train to Oxford has been cancelled.

C. Use your own ideas to complete the sentences below.

-  I like ...
-  I love...
-  I would like...
-  I don't mind...
-  I want...
-  I need...
-  I enjoy...
-  I learned...
-  I finished...
-  I decided...

