

13 The gerund or infinitive after allow, advise, make, suggest?

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a My school does not allow us taking holidays during term.
b My school does not allow us to take holidays during term.
- 2 a Our teacher suggested me to buy a good dictionary.
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Some verbs are followed by *-ing* if there is no object and by *to* + infinitive if there is a direct object – *advise, allow, forbid, permit*:

The teacher **allowed talking** as long as it was in English. (no direct object)

The teacher **allowed us to talk** as long as it was in English. (*us* is the direct object)

Make is followed by the infinitive without *to*:

My boss **made me wear** a horrible uniform. (not ~~made me to wear~~)

☆ Note that the direct object must come between the verb and the infinitive:

She **allowed her dog to sit** in the front of her car. (not ~~She allowed to sit her dog~~)

In the passive, these verbs are followed by *to* + infinitive: *be advised, be allowed, be forbidden, be made, be permitted*:

I **was advised to contact** my travel agent as soon as the plane landed.

Mary **was made to swallow** a large dose of medicine by the nurse.

Suggest can be followed by *-ing* without a direct object:

John **suggested going** to a movie.

If there is a direct object, you can use the infinitive without *to*, or a *that* clause:

John **suggested we go** to a movie. or: John **suggested that we go** to a movie.

2 Correct the mistake below.

You're not allowed to skateboarding in the park.

You're



3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences below.

- 1 I suggest you going and doing your homework now if you want to watch TV later.
- 2 My parents always made me to clean up my room when I was young.
- 3 I think people should not be allowed using mobile phones in the cinema.
- 4 Nowadays it is forbidden smoking in many restaurants and public areas.
- 5 After a lot of effort, I finally made work my new DVD player.
- 6 The police advised local residents not to leaving their windows open at night.
- 7 This ticket will permit that you enter the museum as many times as you like.
- 8 Our teacher suggested to go to the park for our end-of-term party.