

**Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.**

1. Maria loves (swim) \_\_\_\_\_ in the ocean.
2. After a brief interruption, the professor continued (lecture)\_\_\_\_\_.
3. I hate (see) \_\_\_\_\_ any living being suffer. I can't bear (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ news reports of children who are starving. I can't stand (read) \_\_\_\_\_ about animals that have been cruelly abused by people.
4. I 'm afraid of flying. When a plane begins (move) \_\_\_\_\_ down the runway, my heart starts (race) \_\_\_\_\_. Uh-oh! The plane is beginning (move) \_\_\_\_\_, and my heart is starting (race)\_\_\_\_\_.
5. When I travel, I prefer (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ to (take)\_\_\_\_\_ a plane.
6. I prefer (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ rather than (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a plane.
7. I regret (inform) \_\_\_\_\_ you that your loan application has not been approved.
8. I regret (listen, not) \_\_\_\_\_ to my father's advice. He was right.
9. When a student asks a question, the teacher always tries (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ the problem as clearly as possible.
10. I tried everything, but the baby still wouldn't stop ( cry )\_\_\_\_\_.

**Complete each sentence with an appropriate form of the verb in parentheses.**

1. Mary reminded me (be, not) not to be \_\_\_\_\_ late for the meeting.
2. I've volunteered (help) \_\_\_\_\_ at the local school during my time off and (paint) \_\_\_\_\_ the lunchroom.
3. We discussed (quit) \_\_\_\_\_ our jobs and (open) \_\_\_\_\_ our own business.

4. I'm getting tired. I need (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a break.
5. Sometimes students avoid (look) \_\_\_\_\_ at the teacher if they don't want (answer) \_\_\_\_\_ a question.
6. Most children prefer (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ television to (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to the radio.
7. The taxi driver refused (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a check. He wanted the passenger (pay) \_\_\_\_\_ cash.
8. The travel agent advised us (wait, not) \_\_\_\_\_ until August and (make) \_\_\_\_\_ a reservation.
9. Keep (talk ) \_\_\_\_\_ I'm listening to you.
10. Linda offered (water) \_\_\_\_\_ my plants while I was out of town.
11. Igor suggested (go) \_\_\_\_\_ (ski) \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains this weekend. How does that sound to you?
12. The doctor ordered Mr. Gray (smoke, not ) \_\_\_\_\_
13. Don't tell me his secret. I prefer (know, not ) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Toshi was allowed (renew) \_\_\_\_\_ his student visa.
15. Don't forget (tell) . \_\_\_\_\_ Jane (call) \_\_\_\_\_ me about (go) \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) tomorrow.
16. Sally reminded me (ask ) \_\_\_\_\_ you (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ Bob (remember) \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) \_\_\_\_\_ his soccer ball to the picnic.
17. Recently, Jo has been spending most of her time (do) \_\_\_\_\_ research for a book on pioneer women.
18. The little boy had a lot of trouble (convince) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone he had seen a mermaid.

**Choose the correct form of the verbs in italics. In some sentences, both verbs are correct.**

1. Hassan volunteered **bringing / to bring** some food to the reception.
2. The students practiced **pronouncing / to pronounce** the “th” sound in the phrase “these thirty-three dirty trees.”
3. In the fairy tale, the wolf threatened **eating / to eat** a girl named Little Red Riding Hood.
4. The movers struggled **lifting / to lift** the piano up the stairs.
5. Anita demanded **knowing / to know** why she had been fired.
6. My skin can’t tolerate **being / to be** in the sun all day. I get sunburned easily.
7. Mr. Kwan broke the antique vase. I’m sure he didn’t **mean doing / to do** it.
8. Fred Washington claims **being / to be** a descendant of George Washington.
9. Linda failed **passing / to pass** the entrance exam.
10. I hate **getting / to get** to work late.
11. I can’t bear **seeing / to see** animals suffer.
12. Ming Wan just started a new business. He risks **losing / to lose** everything if it doesn’t succeed.

**Complete each sentence with an appropriate form of the verb in parentheses.**

1. How did you manage (find) \_\_\_\_\_ to find \_\_\_\_\_ out about the surprise party?
2. I think Sam deserves (have) \_\_\_\_\_ another chance.
3. Olga finally admitted (be) \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for the problem.
4. Mrs. Freeman can't help (worry) \_\_\_\_\_ about her children.
5. Children, I forbid you (play) \_\_\_\_\_ in the street. There's too much traffic.
6. Lori suggested (leave) \_\_\_\_\_ around six. Is that too early for you?
7. I urged Omar (return) \_\_\_\_\_ to school and (finish) \_\_\_\_\_  
his education.
8. Oscar keeps (hope) \_\_\_\_\_ and (pray) \_\_\_\_\_ that things  
will get better.
9. Nadia keeps (promise) \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ us, but she  
never does.
10. My little cousin is a blabbermouth! He can't resist (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ everyone  
my secrets!