



A. Choose a word from the box to fill in the gaps. Change the verb form when necessary.

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1. Why does Laurie _____ on going to the same club we always go to? Doesn't she want to try something new?
2. I'm sorry that we have _____ meeting with you. We usually arrange teacher-parent meetings earlier in the school year.
3. Women _____ to worry about their physical appearance at a younger age than men.
4. Aqua aerobics _____ doing a series of exercise performed to music in water.
5. I really need to _____ my mind to go to Italy or Morocco next year.
6. My flatmates often _____ me from going to bed early; they manage to convince me to go out late at night with them.
7. Doesn't Jacob _____ to annoy people a lot? I think we should talk to him.

B. Write the appropriate verb form.

1. My parents are trying to force me _____ (study) international business even though I've made it clear that I plan to study philosophy.
2. Why did you let Ulises _____ (get) a tattoo? His father is going to kill him!
3. My trip to Italy was amazing even though I missed _____ (go) to the Vatican.
4. Carrie warned me _____ (show up) early for the job interview.
5. I would never risk _____ (get) a tattoo in the market. It doesn't look sanitary.
6. Simon failed _____ (tell) me that you would be here.
7. Did you hear Gary complaining about _____ (go) to the cabin this weekend?

C. The following verbs can go with to- and -ing. Some of them can use both forms and do not have a difference in meaning, however, some of them mean something different with each verb form. Write the appropriate verb form.

1. When Sammy began _____ (sing), everyone went quiet.
2. I know that being a parent is difficult but you should try _____ (study) at least part-time so that you don't leave your studies permanently.
3. Oh, I'm sorry. I forgot _____ (mention) that it will be a costume party.
4. When I was a child, I hated _____ (go) to my grandparents' house because it was so boring.
5. Do you regret _____ (tell) me your deepest, darkest secrets? Now I can blackmail you!
6. I don't think that Gaby meant _____ (insult) you. She was just trying to help.

D. Complete the sentences using the correct verb patterns. Add a preposition and/or any other word necessary.

1. After many failed attempts, Junior has succeeded _____ (graduate) from university.
2. You shouldn't blame _____ (hide) your tablet. I wasn't the one who did it.
3. Sophie has been pretending _____ (enjoy) her job, but we all know that she wants to quit.
4. Do you think that you could help _____ (make) the cake? I don't think he can do it by himself.
5. I can finally afford _____ (take) all my family on vacation to Barbados.

