

VERB PATTERNS

Continue

Work with a partner. Look at twenty more common verbs and verb phrases in the box. Categorize them according to the five patterns outlined in Exercise 1. Some verbs can belong to more than one category. Use a dictionary if necessary.

aim allow arrange ask avoid can't afford decide expect finish encourage
help hope let (not) mind offer spend time teach tell urge warn (not)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- a My family always avoids (talk) _____ about politics or religion.
- b My parents always encouraged me (save) _____ money for a rainy day.
- c I don't mind (lend) _____ money to my brothers and sisters.
- d My father taught me (drive) _____.
- e My parents always let me (stay out) _____ past midnight.
- f When I finish (study) _____ I want to travel.
- g I'd rather do something active than spend my time (sit) _____ at home (watch) _____ TV.
- h I hope (start) _____ a family of my own one day.

Work with your partner. Match the sentence halves to make sensible pieces of advice for parents with teenagers.

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| a You should help them | 1 keep their rooms clean. |
| b You shouldn't let them | 2 to take drugs. |
| c You should make them | 3 smoke. |
| d You should tell them not | 4 to respect their elders. |
| e You should warn them not | 5 to stay healthy. |
| f You should encourage them | 6 to play their music too loud. |
| g You should ask them not | 7 do well at school. |
| h You should expect them | 8 to believe everything they hear. |

