

VERB PATTERNS

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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.

- a You should help them
- b You shouldn't let them
- c You should make them
- d You should tell them not
- e You should warn them not
- f You should encourage them
- g You should ask them not
- h You should expect them

- 1 keep their rooms clean.
- 2 to take drugs.
- 3 smoke.
- 4 to respect their elders.
- 5 to stay healthy.
- 6 to play their music too loud.
- 7 do well at school.
- 8 to believe everything they hear.

