

TALKING ABOUT PROBLEMS

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I - Match the verbs in column A with their meaning in column B.

A	B
Aggravate	_____ not do anything about a problem
Avoid	_____ find the problem
Cause	_____ try to take care of a difficult problem
Deal with	_____ make a problem worse
Identify	_____ unexpectedly encounter problems
Ignore	_____ completely fix a problem
Run into	_____ make or create a problem
Solve	_____ prevent problems from happening

II - Correct the underlined mistakes in each sentence. Write the correct form of the verb you consider correct. More than one option might be applicable. Look at the example given in sentence 1.

1. Jim said I solved the problem with my tablet when I spilled water on it.
_____ caused _____
2. Grace didn't pay her credit card bill last month. When she didn't pay it again this month, she only ran into her debt problem. _____
3. I always ask Kate for help with math. She can ignore any problem.

4. Tim's report was late. He aggravated problems with his computer that he didn't expect. _____
5. John caused his weight problem for years. Now he can't fit into any of his clothes! _____
6. Mike has many problems with his projects at work, so he often stays late to identify them. _____
7. My brother is an amazing auto mechanic. He can look at a car's engine and ignore what is causing problems. _____
8. Pedro identifies problems with computer viruses by updating his antivirus software every week. _____