

Try/Need+ To V/ V-ing

I/ Put the verbs in the correct forms to V or V-ing

1. I was very tired. I tried _____ my eyes open, but I couldn't. (keep)
2. I tried _____ the shelf, but I wasn't tall enough. (reach)
3. I rang the doorbell, but there was no answer. Then I tried _____ on the window, but there was still no answer. (knock)
4. We tried _____ the fire out, but without success. We had to call the fire brigade. (put)
5. Please leave me alone. I'm trying _____. (concentrate)
6. Sue needed to borrow some money. She tried _____ Carl, but he didn't have any. (ask)
7. Mr Bennett isn't here right now. Please try _____ later. (call)
8. The woman's face was familiar. I tried _____ where I'd seen her before. (remember)
9. If you have a problem with the computer, try _____ it. (restart)

II/ Rewrite the sentences using “need/needs + V-ing”

For each picture, write a sentence with **need(s)** + one of the following verbs:

clean cut empty paint tighten



1 This room isn't very nice. It needs painting.

The grass is very long.

It _____

3 The windows are dirty.

They _____

4 The screws are loose.

They _____

5 The bin is full.

It _____

III/ Which is right?

1 We spend too much time sitting down. We need getting / to get more exercise.

2 These clothes are dirty. They all need washing / to wash.

3 My grandmother isn't able to look after herself any more. She needs looking/ to look after.

4. I can't make a decision right now. I need thinking / to think about it.

5 Your hair is getting very long. It will need cutting / to cut soon.

6 I need a change. I need going / to go away for a while.

7 That shirt looks fine. You don't need ironing / to iron it.

8 That shirt looks fine. It doesn't need ironing / to iron.