

### Verb patterns

Sometimes you need to think about what kind of pattern follows a verb, for example an infinitive, a noun, an -ing form or a *that* clause.

**5** Choose the correct verb pattern to complete the sentences.

- Finally, I managed **reserving** / **to reserve** a table at the popular new bistro.
- It was very hard to accept **to lose** / **that we had lost** the game.
- I had never considered **moving** / **that I move** to another country before.
- I urged Sam **to be** / **Sam that he should be** careful.
- Some of my friends agreed **helping** / **to help** us.
- I couldn't imagine **working** / **me to work** in a busy restaurant kitchen all day.

**6** Choose the correct verbs (A-D) to complete the sentences.

- We \_\_\_\_\_ to go ahead with the event despite the concerns.  
A considered B thought C decided D insisted
- I had always \_\_\_\_\_ studying very difficult.  
A found B experienced C believed D realised
- Our manager \_\_\_\_\_ that we should postpone the show for a few weeks.  
A urged B suggested C told D persuaded
- Natalie \_\_\_\_\_ to think of herself as an artist.  
A insists B imagines C likes D stresses
- I really \_\_\_\_\_ what everyone did for me.  
A benefited B approved C agreed D appreciated
- Some friends \_\_\_\_\_ me to apply to a TV baking show.  
A suggested B proposed C said D encouraged

### SPEAKING BOOST

Discuss or answer.

- Talk about what drinks you have in a typical day and where you have them.
- What do you think of fair trade products?



### Easily confused words

Some words have very similar meanings and are easy to confuse. Think carefully about the particular meaning each word has, and also think about the prepositions, collocations and patterns each word is used with.

**7** Choose the correct words (A-D) to complete the sentences.

- I've always taken loads of photos and \_\_\_\_\_ them online.  
A sent B posted C mailed D delivered
- She \_\_\_\_\_ her first album in 2016.  
A brought B displayed C released D presented
- The pack \_\_\_\_\_ posters and leaflets for the environmental campaign.  
A contains B combines C composes D consists
- You can see the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sun reflected on the solar panels.  
A bars B rays C lights D flashes
- Prague is an extremely popular \_\_\_\_\_ for tourists.  
A visit B intention C aim D destination
- From the hill, you can get a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ of the whole city.  
A scene B sight C view D glance

### Verb collocations

A lot of common verbs such as *get*, *have*, *make*, *put*, *take*, etc. are used in collocations or fixed phrases. It is important to learn as many of these as you can.

**8** Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box.

come do go get have keep  
make play spend take

- I knew I needed to \_\_\_\_\_ this secret from everyone.
- I wondered how I could \_\_\_\_\_ advantage of the situation.
- A bit of string should \_\_\_\_\_ the job and hold everything together.
- What he said didn't \_\_\_\_\_ sense to me.
- I took Ewa to one side to \_\_\_\_\_ a quiet word with her.
- I hope your dreams will \_\_\_\_\_ true.
- I don't \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time watching TV.
- We decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a trick on Jack.
- You should \_\_\_\_\_ rid of those old trainers - they are disgusting!
- I don't think anything will \_\_\_\_\_ wrong because you have prepared so carefully.