



Grammar Verb patterns 1

1 Read the interview with a medical student who is in her final year of study. Choose the correct alternatives. Sometimes both are possible.

So, Hana, why did you decide **1**to choose/choosing medicine as a career?

I've always liked **2**to help/helping people, even when I was a child. I was the person who used to look after friends who were sick or injured. I also got really good marks in science at school. My parents suggested **3**to apply/applying for medical school and, luckily, I was accepted.

How long do you need **4**to study/studying?

Here in New Zealand, the course takes six years. The final year is a practical year where you begin **5**to work/working in hospitals.

What's the hardest thing about the course?

During this final year, we are expected **6**to work/work very long hours. Night shifts are the worst – I really miss **7**to be/being able to go to bed at regular times.

What advice would you give anyone who is considering **8**to become/becoming a doctor?

Arrange **9**to speak/speaking to some doctors or medical students, so that you get a real idea of how much work is involved.

Finally, what do you enjoy **10**to do/doing outside of work?

I'm a bit of a foodie, I like eating out and cooking. But I keep **11**to think/thinking I should do more exercise! I'd hate **12**to be/being the doctor who couldn't walk up the stairs without getting out of breath!

