

Cambridge Grammar

Unit 18: Verb Patterns

Read the theory and solve the activities.

1 You are going to hear a TV chef telling a group of people how to cook something. Look at the picture, which shows the things he uses. Can you guess what he is going to make? _____

2  23 Listen and check if you were right.

3  23 Listen again and fill in the gaps. Stop the recording when you need to.

- 1 Continue doing this until the mixture begins to look pale and fluffy.
- 2 Avoid the eggs all at the same time.
- 3 Keep all the time.
- 4 Don't forget the baking powder.
- 5 I recommend sultanas and apricots.
- 6 If you prefer dates or raisins, that's fine.
- 7 Some people like some nuts too.
- 8 If you decide nuts, chop them up small.
- 9 Remember if the fruit cake is ready after about an hour.
- 10 I suggest a little lemon juice as well.
- 11 Don't try the cake until it's completely cold.
- 12 Don't expect much fruit cake left after a couple of hours.

1 Complete this conversation using the verbs in brackets.

Andy: I've decided (1) to leave (leave) my job next month.
Sally: But I thought you enjoyed (2) (work) in an architect's office.
Andy: Oh, I do. But I feel like (3) (do) something different for a while.
Sally: Didn't you promise (4) (stay) there at least two years?
Andy: Yes, I did but I just can't stand (5) (work) with those people. One of them refuses (6) (stop) talking while she works, another one keeps (7) (sing) to himself. And then there's a man who attempts (8) (tell) awful jokes all the time, which he always gets wrong. I detest (9) (work) with all that noise around me.
Sally: It sounds quite a cheerful place to me. Can't you manage (10) (ignore) them and get on with your work?
Andy: No, I can't. I just can't carry on (11) (go) there every day. I'm hoping (12) (go) abroad for a bit.
Sally: Well, good luck.

2 Choose the correct form of the verb.

- 1 I noticed the man drop / dropping / to drop his ticket so I picked it up for him.
- 2 The tour guide advised the tourists not take / taking / to take too much money out of the hotel with them.
- 3 I heard the horses come / coming / to come down the lane so I waited for them to pass before driving on.
- 4 The old man said he would love have / having / to have the chance to fly in an aeroplane again.
- 5 Don't make the children come / coming / to come with us to the shops if they don't want to.
- 6 I saw the boy jump / jumping / to jump into the lake before anyone could stop him.
- 7 I recommend phone / phoning / to phone the restaurant before you set off.
- 8 We were so pleased hear / hearing / to hear that Josh can come to the wedding after all.
- 9 The school only allows students eat / eating / to eat in the dining room.
- 10 It was my drama teacher who encouraged me become / becoming / to become an actor.

3 Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

book buy chat finish get go inform leave lend make send throw watch wear write

- 1 If I go to my friend's wedding it will mean buying a new dress.
- 2 Please try to get to the airport in good time – I'll be nervous if I don't see you when I come into the arrivals hall.
- 3 Will you stop making that noise? I'm trying to finish this book before I go to bed.
- 4 I forgot to book a table at the restaurant and it was full when we got there, so we had to wait for ages.
- 5 The children went on to throw their ball against the wall, although they had been told several times to stop.
- 6 We regret to tell you that the course you applied for is now full.
- 7 Tommy says he doesn't know where my jacket is, but I clearly remember lending it to him.
- 8 When you go out of the hotel, remember to leave the room key with reception because we've only got one between us.
- 9 Why don't you try wearing sunglasses? Then you might not get so many headaches.
- 10 I saw Philip when I was in the park so I stopped to chat to him.
- 11 I meant to send you a text when I got to the hotel but I didn't have time.
- 12 I regret not going to Egypt with my sister because she says it was a really great trip.
- 13 After getting a degree in biology, my son went on to read a book about monkeys.
- 14 I'll never forget watching the sun come up over the mountains when I was in the Himalayas.

4 Some of these sentences by Cambridge First candidates have mistakes. If a sentence is correct, mark it with a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, mark it with a cross (✗) and correct it.

- 1 Not all of the students can afford going abroad on the trip. ✗ to go
- 2 I hope to visit the museum the next time I visit you. ✓
- 3 He pretended knowing nothing about it, but I knew he did. _____
- 4 The guard refused to sell me a half-price ticket for the journey. _____
- 5 I didn't feel well, but I managed getting downstairs. _____
- 6 Famous people deserve to have a private life without journalists following them everywhere. _____
- 7 He wrote the letter because he wanted to avoid to be found out. _____
- 8 I don't know why the teachers delayed to tell us the results. _____
- 9 I don't feel like going camping because I like holidays where I can relax. _____
- 10 I think that a lot of women dislike going shopping. _____
- 11 I've put off writing you this letter for months, but finally here it is. _____
- 12 They suggested to take the trip to Williamstown on the first day. _____

Exam practice

Reading and Use of English Part 1

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Balloon adventure

Brian Jones and Bertrand Piccard were the first team to go (0) **A** the world in a balloon. Nobody (1) _____ them to finish their astonishing 19-day expedition, especially as they had to (2) _____ with poisonous fumes and temperatures of -50°C.

Brian had run a business, but he got tired of it and (3) _____ to buy a balloon. Before long he was one of the country's (4) _____ balloon instructors and pilots. Why did he risk everything for one trip? He says he was not a very confident child: 'When I was seven a friend (5) _____ me go down a water slide with him. I still (6) _____ being absolutely terrified. I've never learnt to swim properly.' He thinks everyone should face their greatest (7) _____ and that is one reason why he went up in the balloon. Six of the 19 days were spent over the Pacific Ocean. Brian says he won't (8) _____ to do it again because there are so many other things he wants to do.

0	A round	B through	C across	D above
1	A expected	B hoped	C intended	D admitted
2	A do away	B get along	C keep up	D put up
3	A thought	B considered	C afforded	D decided
4	A unique	B preferable	C leading	D suitable
5	A demanded	B made	C encouraged	D persuaded
6	A forget	B remind	C remember	D regret
7	A fears	B suspicions	C disturbances	D frights
8	A delay	B imagine	C attempt	D suggest

Grammar focus task

These are some verbs from the exam task. Without looking back, put them into the table below. Three of the verbs can go in two columns.

afford admit attempt consider decide delay demand encourage
expect hope imagine learn persuade remind suggest want

Verb + to infinitive	Verb + -ing	Verb + object + to infinitive
afford	admit, encourage	encourage



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