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.

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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 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 _____ that noise? I'm trying _____ this book before I go to bed.
4 I forgot _____ 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 _____ their ball against the wall, although they had been told several times to stop.
6 We regret _____ 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 _____ it to him.
8 When you go out of the hotel, remember _____ the room key with reception because we've only got one between us.
9 Why don't you try _____ sunglasses? Then you might not get so many headaches.
10 I saw Philip when I was in the park so I stopped _____ to him.
11 I meant _____ you a text when I got to the hotel but I didn't have time.
12 I regret not _____ 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 _____ a book about monkeys.
14 I'll never forget _____ 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. _____

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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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