

First Certificate Language Practice

Unit 28: Verb Patterns

Complete each sentence with a suitable form of the verb in brackets.

- a) I really miss playing (play) tennis like I used to.
- b) I'm sorry. I meant _____ (write) to you, but I've been busy.
- c) Martin failed _____ (pay) the rent on time yet again.
- d) It's not worth _____ (buy) a return ticket.
- e) Have you ever considered _____ (work) as a teacher?
- f) I promise I won't forget _____ (feed) the cat.
- g) We've arranged _____ (meet) outside the school at 4.30.
- h) If you've got a headache, try _____ (take) an aspirin.

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- a) Jack said that he hadn't cheated in the exam. **cheating**
Jack denied cheating in the exam.
- b) It was difficult for me not to laugh at Wendy's letter. **help**
I _____ at Wendy's letter.
- c) I'm sorry but you have not been appointed to the post. **regret**
I _____ you have not been appointed to the post.
- d) I needed a drink of water and so I stopped running. **to**
I stopped running _____ water.
- e) I think it would be a good idea to take the train. **taking**
I _____ the train.
- f) Don't forget the lights when you leave. **off**
Don't forget _____ when you leave.
- g) I think Derek has forgotten the meeting. **appears**
Derek _____ the meeting.
- h) My neighbour said he would call the police! **threatened**
My neighbour _____ the police.

Complete each sentence with a suitable form of the verb in brackets.

- a) Pauline couldn't manage to eat (eat) all the ice cream.
- b) I've decided _____ (not sell) my bike after all.
- c) A witness reported _____ (see) Terry at the scene of the crime.
- d) William pretended _____ (not notice) the 'No Parking' sign.
- e) I suppose I tend _____ (buy) more books than I used to.
- f) Sometimes I regret _____ (move) to this part of the country.
- g) Did you notice anyone _____ (wait) outside when you left?
- h) Mark expects _____ (finish) work round about 6.00.

Complete each sentence with a suitable form of one of the verbs in brackets.

- a) Mary was so angry that she demanded to see the manager.
(demand, hope, risk, stop)
- b) The weather is so awful that I don't _____ going out this evening.
(fancy, like, try, want)
- c) The children could hardly _____ to leave their pets behind.
(bear, forget, regret, seem)
- d) John _____ to let his children go to the concert.
(afford, avoid, refuse, stop)
- e) If I give you the information, I _____ losing my job!
(expect, mean, prepare, risk)
- f) What do you _____ to be doing in ten years time?
(begin, expect, remember, suggest)
- g) Do you _____ to tell the police about the missing money?
(admit, confess, deny, intend)

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