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## The gerund or infinitive after *allow, advise, make, suggest*?

### 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a My school does not allow us taking holidays during term.  
b My school does not allow us to take holidays during term.
- 2 a Our teacher suggested me to buy a good dictionary.  
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Some verbs are followed by *-ing* if there is no object and by *to + infinitive* if there is a direct object – *advise, allow, forbid, permit*:

*The teacher allowed talking as long as it was in English.* (no direct object)

*The teacher allowed us to talk as long as it was in English.* (us is the direct object)

*Make* is followed by the infinitive without *to*:

*My boss made me wear a horrible uniform.* (not *made me to wear*)

★ Note that the direct object must come between the verb and the infinitive:

*She allowed her dog to sit in the front of her car.* (not *She allowed to sit her dog*)

In the passive, these verbs are followed by *to + infinitive*: *be advised, be allowed, be forbidden, be made, be permitted*:

*I was advised to contact my travel agent as soon as the plane landed.*

*Mary was made to swallow a large dose of medicine by the nurse.*

*Suggest* can be followed by *-ing* without a direct object:

*John suggested going to a movie.*

If there is a direct object, you can use the infinitive without *to*, or a *that* clause:

*John suggested we go to a movie.* or: *John suggested that we go to a movie.*

### 2 Correct the mistake below.

You're not allowed to  
skateboarding in the park.



You're .....

### 3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences below.

- 1 I suggest you going and doing your homework now if you want to watch TV later.
- 2 My parents always made me to clean up my room when I was young.
- 3 I think people should not be allowed using mobile phones in the cinema.
- 4 Nowadays it is forbidden smoking in many restaurants and public areas.
- 5 After a lot of effort, I finally made work my new DVD player.
- 6 The police advised local residents not to leaving their windows open at night.
- 7 This ticket will permit that you enter the museum as many times as you like.
- 8 Our teacher suggested to go to the park for our end-of-term party.