13 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 ..... .

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.

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