

Verb patterns

Sometimes you need to think about what kind of pattern follows a verb, for example an infinitive, a noun, an *-ing* form or a *that* clause.

5 Choose the correct verb pattern to complete the sentences.

- 1 Finally, I managed **reserving** / **to reserve** a table at the popular new bistro.
- 2 It was very hard to accept **to lose** / **that we had lost** the game.
- 3 I had never considered **moving** / **that I move** to another country before.
- 4 I urged Sam **to be** / **Sam that he should be** careful.
- 5 Some of my friends agreed **helping** / **to help** us.
- 6 I couldn't imagine **working** / **me to work** in a busy restaurant kitchen all day.

6 Choose the correct verbs (A-D) to complete the sentences.

- 1 We _____ to go ahead with the event despite the concerns.
A considered B thought C decided D insisted
- 2 I had always _____ studying very difficult.
A found B experienced C believed D realised
- 3 Our manager _____ that we should postpone the show for a few weeks.
A urged B suggested C told D persuaded
- 4 Natalie _____ to think of herself as an artist.
A insists B imagines C likes D stresses
- 5 I really _____ what everyone did for me.
A benefited B approved C agreed D appreciated
- 6 Some friends _____ me to apply to a TV baking show.
A suggested B proposed C said D encouraged

SPEAKING BOOST

Discuss or answer.

- 1 Talk about what drinks you have in a typical day and where you have them.
- 2 What do you think of fair trade products?



Easily confused words

Some words have very similar meanings and are easy to confuse. Think carefully about the particular meaning each word has, and also think about the prepositions, collocations and patterns each word is used with.

7 Choose the correct words (A-D) to complete the sentences.

- 1 I've always taken loads of photos and _____ them online.
A sent B posted C mailed D delivered
- 2 She _____ her first album in 2016.
A brought B displayed C released D presented
- 3 The pack _____ posters and leaflets for the environmental campaign.
A contains B combines C composes D consists
- 4 You can see the _____ of the sun reflected on the solar panels.
A bars B rays C lights D flashes
- 5 Prague is an extremely popular _____ for tourists.
A visit B intention C aim D destination
- 6 From the hill, you can get a wonderful _____ of the whole city.
A scene B sight C view D glance

Verb collocations

A lot of common verbs such as *get*, *have*, *make*, *put*, *take*, etc. are used in collocations or fixed phrases. It is important to learn as many of these as you can.

8 Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box.

come do go get have keep
make play spend take

- 1 I knew I needed to _____ this secret from everyone.
- 2 I wondered how I could _____ advantage of the situation.
- 3 A bit of string should _____ the job and hold everything together.
- 4 What he said didn't _____ sense to me.
- 5 I took Ewa to one side to _____ a quiet word with her.
- 6 I hope your dreams will _____ true.
- 7 I don't _____ a lot of time watching TV.
- 8 We decided to _____ a trick on Jack.
- 9 You should _____ rid of those old trainers - they are disgusting!
- 10 I don't think anything will _____ wrong because you have prepared so carefully.