

I managed to stop feeling shy

1 GRAMMAR Verb patterns

a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I usually finish *to play* / *playing* / *play* tennis at about 9 o'clock.
- We decided *not taking* / *not to take* / *to not take* the next train to Rome.
- He keeps *to try* / *try* / *trying* to learn French, but he always gives up.
- We wanted *see* / *to see* / *seeing* the film but there were no tickets left.
- She promised *to not fail* / *not failing* / *not to fail* any exams this year.
- I don't mind *not to have* / *to not have* / *not having* a holiday this year, if we can have one next year.
- They learned *to speak* / *speaking* / *speak* English by talking to their grandfather.
- I hope *go* / *to go* / *going* on holiday to France next summer.
- I really enjoy *to spend* / *spend* / *spending* time with my family.
- I worry about *to not do* / *not do* / *not doing* well in the exams, but I always pass.



b Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in the box.

meet get go take snow buy read play

- He promised to buy her a tablet if she got good grades in her exams.
- We decided not to take the bus because the train was a lot more expensive.
- I really enjoy going to the theatre when I'm in London.
- She expected to get a good result, but she didn't.
- My children used to love playing games on the beach when they were little.
- She's arranged to meet him at the check-in desk at the airport.
- He finished reading his book and then went to bed.
- It started snowing heavily last night and now they've closed the airport.

2 VOCABULARY Verbs followed by *to + infinitive* / *verb + -ing*

a Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

forgot avoid regretted seemed agreed
managed arranged recommended disliked
missed refused imagined

- They arranged to meet their friends outside the cinema at 7:30.
- When we asked the tour guide, he recommended taking a taxi to the beach.
- Because she was shy, she disliked meeting new people at parties.
- She forgot to take her purse to the restaurant, so her boyfriend had to pay the bill.
- Fortunately, the taxi driver agreed to drive us to the airport when we offered him 50 euros.
- He disliked buying a house by the sea. He thought it would be lovely to walk on the beach every day.
- After she moved from the UK to Australia, she really missed seeing her family at Christmas.
- I went to work early this morning because I wanted to avoid driving in the city centre during the rush hour.
- Most of the hotels were full, but in the end we arranged to find a lovely hotel near the beach.
- When she got low grades in her university exams, she regretted not working harder.
- The hotel receptionist forgot to understand what I was saying because she brought some cheese sandwiches to our room five minutes later.
- He refused to leave the waiter a tip because the service was so slow.

b Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- She has avoided / agreed / missed to meet Luke for a coffee after work.
- He usually avoids / missed / recommends speaking to his neighbours because he's rather shy.
- Let's refuse / forget / arrange to have dinner together one evening this week.
- I'm sorry, but I managed / forgot / refused to get any bread when I was at the supermarket.
- She regrets / avoids / recommends going to the Alhambra palace in Granada. She says it's beautiful.
- Now that you live in a flat, do you miss / regret / imagine having a garden?
- I don't want to go to the party, so if they ask me to go with them, I will forget / manage / refuse politely.
- She imagined / disliked / recommended swimming in the sea because the water was always so cold.
- Our baby seems / manages / refuses to prefer classical music to pop music.
- Did you refuse / manage / seem to get some tickets for the concert? Most of them were sold on the first day.