CAMBRIDGE GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY FOR FCE

UNIT 8C: VERB PATTERNS

Read the theory and solve the activities.

PRACTICE

1 Choose the correct answer.

0 He denied *to lie / lying.*
1 I learnt *to drive / driving* when I was twenty.
2 They suggested *to postpone / postponing* the basketball match.
3 The bad weather delayed *that they arrived / their arrival.*
4 I can't bear *see / to see* children suffer.
5 We really can't afford *to buy / buying* a new washing machine.
6 I look forward to *see / seeing* you at the party.
7 I'd rather *stay / to stay* at home if that's ok.
8 I don't remember *to see / seeing* Al at the gym.
9 His mum always makes him *tidy / to tidy* his room before he goes out.
10 I'm really sorry, I didn't mean *to upset / upsetting* you.

2 Complete the article. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Pablo Picasso

From the age of seven, Picasso started (0) having (have) artistic training from his painter father. He was very keen on (1)..... (paint) and it was obvious that he was very good at it. He began (2)..... (miss) classes at school and insisted on (3)..... (paint) pictures instead. His father saw the thirteen-year-old Picasso painting like a master, so he gave up (4)..... (paint) in order to help his son become a great artist. Picasso's father then persuaded the art academy (5)..... (allow) his son to take the entrance exam. Later, he decided (6)..... (send) the young artist to Madrid's Royal Academy. Thus, at the age of sixteen, Picasso started (7)..... (go) to classes in Madrid. However, he disliked formal instruction, so he soon stopped (8)..... (turn up) for classes and spent hours in the Prado Museum instead.

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

0 We were forced to give them the money.
MADE
They made us give them the money.
1 Unfortunately, we cannot accept your application.
INFORM
We regret ..... your application has not been accepted.
2 I'd prefer to work in an office.
RATHER
I ..... in an office.
3 We were not allowed to enter the lab.
LET
They ..... the lab.
4 I said it would be a good idea to start our own website.
SUGGESTED
I ..... our own website.
5 She managed to get a place at York University.
SUCCEEDED
She ..... a place at York University.
6 It looks as if this door is locked after all.
APPEARS
This door ..... after all.
7 We can't wait for our holiday next month.
FORWARD
We're really ..... on holiday next month.
8 Tony refused to let me pay for our meal.
INSISTED
Tony ..... for our meal himself.



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