

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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