

Let there be less 'let' in your life

Hints:

allow** and **cause** are usually followed by TO	(allow me *to go*)
make** is followed by the V1 without to	(make me *cry*)
help** can be followed by a V1 or TO + verb	(help me *study* OR help me *to study*)
enable** and **encourage** are followed by TO + verb	(enable me *to work*)
teach** and **force** are followed by object + TO + verb	(teach me *to swim*)
prevent** is followed by object + FROM + verb-ING	(prevent me *from falling*)
make me do something** is usually negative	(make me cry = I don't want to cry)
force me TO do something is usually negative (want to wear it)	(force me to wear a uniform = I don't want to wear it)
let me do something** is usually positive	(let me go out = I want to go out)

help	make	cause	allow	enable	prevent
force	encourage	teach	inspire	let	

Instructions:

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate verb from the word box. You may need to change the verb form (e.g., past, present, -ing). Read the hints below to help you choose the correct verb.

1. Eating healthy food can _____ you concentrate better in class.
2. The loud noise _____ everyone lose focus during the exam.
3. This new app _____ users to learn English more easily.
4. Good teachers _____ their students to think critically.
5. Wearing comfortable shoes _____ me walk all day without pain.
6. Her story _____ me to follow my dreams.
7. The school rules _____ students to use their phones at break time.
8. Staying up late every night _____ him to fail the test.
9. That movie really _____ me understand the meaning of kindness.
10. Group work can _____ students build communication skills.
11. A heavy snowstorm _____ the plane from landing.
12. That song always _____ me feel emotional.

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13. The coach _____ the team to keep practicing every day.
14. Wearing uniforms may _____ students feel less individual.
15. Taking deep breaths _____ me relax before the presentation.
16. My parents _____ me to travel alone this summer.
17. A bad attitude can _____ problems in group projects.
18. His speech _____ me to study harder.
19. This project will _____ us to work more independently.
20. Teachers should _____ students how to manage their time well.

LET or MAKE

1. My parents don't **let** / **make** me play video games on a school night.
2. The teacher **let** / **made** us go home early because the class was finished.
3. My mom **let** / **made** me clean my room before I could go out with friends.
4. I didn't **let** / **make** my little brother use my laptop.
5. Our coach **let** / **made** us run five laps after we were late to practice.
6. My best friend **let** / **made** me borrow her new phone for a day.
7. The school **lets** / **makes** us wear uncomfortable uniforms every day.
8. The movie was so scary it **let** / **made** me scream out loud!
9. My dad never **lets** / **makes** me stay out past 10 p.m.
10. The game was really fun—it **let** / **made** us laugh so much!

Write your own rules:

When should we use "let" and when should we use "make"? _____

Let is not always best. What we can use instead? _____