

1.5 Verb patterns

1 Choose the correct option.

- 0 I've decided *taking* (~~to take~~) a year off school.
- 1 Well, you can't force her *go* / *to go* to college.
- 2 We were walking around the park and then stopped *looking* / *to look* at the stars.
- 3 I don't think either of us will ever forget *having* / *to have* this conversation.
- 4 They don't let us *use* / *to use* our phones in classrooms.
- 5 Try *restarting* / *to restart* the computer. If that doesn't work, call the IT department.
- 6 I sometimes hear my neighbour *practise* / *practising* on the piano. He's getting better each day!
- 7 I spent most of my time in May *revising* / *to revise* for my final exams.
- 8 Will you remember *picking* / *to pick* me up from school early today?

2 Correct these sentences.

- 0 I generally avoid ~~to~~ being the centre of attention. _____
- 1 Miss Brown always encouraged us read more. _____
- 2 Many families in Indonesia can't afford pay for their children's education. _____
- 3 You don't seem be well prepared for this exam. _____
- 4 I don't remember to saying that, are you sure it was me? _____
- 5 I saw her to eat the whole box of chocolates at one sitting! _____
- 6 Jane, please don't make me to call your parents! _____
- 7 Please remind to go to the post office – I'm afraid I will forget. _____

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 He usually avoided *being* (be) late for school.
- 1 _____ (tell) her she's deaf isn't kind.
- 2 He refused _____ (wear) the awful school uniform.
- 3 She smelled the milk _____ (check) it hadn't gone off.
- 4 I simply can't stand _____ (learn) definitions by heart.
- 5 Do you miss _____ (hang out) with your high school friends?
- 6 We're talking about _____ (go) vegetarian.
- 7 She advised me _____ (complete) my college degree.
- 8 She'd be the first _____ (taste) the food.
- 9 I've already tried _____ (take) painkillers but they haven't helped at all.

4 Read the pairs of sentences and match them to the correct meaning.

1. I forgot to buy flowers.
2. I forgot buying flowers.
3. We regret to say the restaurant is closed.
4. We regret saying the restaurant was closed.
5. I tried to bake some bread.
6. I tried baking some bread.