1.5 Verb patterns

1 Choose the correct option.

0 I miss *having* / *to have* free summers every year, like we did at school.

1 Try *keeping* / *to keep* quiet, Mary, you're disturbing other students.

2 Do you fancy *going* / *to go* to the park after school?

3 Oh no, I've forgotten *bringing* / *to bring* my books!

4 Johnny, please don't make me *ask* / *to ask* you to leave the classroom.

5 Please stop *doing* / *to do* whatever you're doing and look at the board!

6 I don't remember *taking* / *to take* that test at all! But I'm glad to hear I passed!

7 I watched her *do* / *doing* the whole test in under thirty minutes. It's amazing how smart she is.

8 My parents would never allow me *stay* / *to stay* out this late.

2 Correct these sentences. Write one missing word or delete one extra word in each sentence.

0 I can't stand ~~to~~ being the centre of attention.

1 I didn't expect do so well in this exam!

2 I warned not to go there but she wouldn't listen.

3 We arranged us to meet at the school canteen.

4 We urged her start taking school more seriously.

5 I felt my dog it wagging its tail against my leg.

6 She offered help us out financially, which was very generous of her.

7 Our teacher would never let us to cheat in tests.

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

0 She can't stand *getting up* (get up) early.

1 I encouraged him _____ *(have)* an eye test.

2 When I was a teenager, I used to avoid _____ (do) sports.

3 My mum can't stand _____ *(listen)* to loud music.

4 He ran and ran and only stopped once _____ (tie) his shoelaces.

5 I was surprised _____ *(hear)* that he's colour-blind.

6 They forced her _____ (withdraw) her application.

7 When _____ *(communicate)* with children, keep your language simple.

8 She continued _____ (study) History and took up Law as well.

9 The head teacher seemed _____ (be) disappointed with the decision.

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.

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