

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 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.