

1 Underline the correct form.

- a Joe dared his brother to kick / kicking the ball out of the window.
- b I used to spend a lot of time to worry / worrying about the future.
- c Gina tried to open / opening the door, but it seemed to be stuck.
- d The police made the two boys to pick up / pick up the litter they had dropped.
- e All night people kept to bang / banging car doors outside in the street.
- f I remember to appear / appearing in the Christmas play when I was at primary school.
- g Our teacher likes us to stand up / standing up when she enters the room.
- h Your car really needs to clean / cleaning! It's filthy!
- i I can't help to wonder / wondering whether we are going in the right direction.
- j My parents always encouraged me to think / thinking for myself.

2 Complete each sentence with a verb from the list.

avoid bear consider deny involve imagine mind regret risk stop

- a This construction project will involve demolishing part of a run-down industrial area.
- b Helen says she doesn't mind coming in early tomorrow and dealing with that problem.
- c Both teenagers regret taking part in the robbery, and claim they were not in the area.
- d I think we should avoid causing unnecessary damage to the woodland area.
- e If you exercise without warming up, you risk pulling a muscle.
- f I can't imagine wearing the sort of clothes they wore in the 19th century!
- g Please stop staring at me like that! It makes me nervous!
- h People often consider not studying seriously during their schooldays.
- i Would you bear selling this painting if you received a suitable offer?
- j Sheila can't deny being pestered by fans who want her autograph.

3 Complete the text using one word in each gap.

Vincent Van Gogh

Vincent Van Gogh **a** spent the 37 years of his life as a more or less unknown artist. He did not **b** start painting seriously until his late twenties, and at one time **c** considered becoming a priest because of his beliefs. His beliefs also **d** kept him living in extreme poverty among the outcasts of society. His brother Theo, who was an art dealer, **e** encouraged him to take up painting, and **f** supported him financially throughout his life. Vincent's precarious mental state **g** seemed to have been made worse by alcohol and ill health. A stay in Paris from 1886 to 1888 **h** allowed Vincent to study Impressionists such as Manet and Degas, and **i** helped getting to know many artists, including Paul Gauguin. Van Gogh and Gauguin painted together at Arles in the south of France, where Vincent's mental state worsened and he **j** decided to murder Gauguin, before famously cutting off part of his ear. Two years later Vincent committed suicide. Since his death, his paintings have **k** gone on to become among the most famous of the 19th century.

4 Write a new sentence with the same meaning, containing the word in capitals.

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| a Apparently, the match will be cancelled. | APPEARS |
| <i>It appears that the match will be cancelled.</i> | |
| b The burglars jumped out of the window so they weren't caught. | AVOID |
| | |
| c People think <i>Ulysses</i> is Joyce's greatest work. | CONSIDERED |
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| d They intend reaching the mountains by the end of the week. | PLANNING |
| | |
| e I don't like wasting time watching television. | PREFER |
| | |
| f Would you like to go skating on Friday? | FANCY |
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| g We can't continue to ignore this problem. | GO ON |
| | |
| h My parents didn't allow me to stay out late. | LET |
| | |

history

5 Complete the text using one word or phrase from the list in each gap.

continued to decided to demand expected forced involved
persuade regretted seemed to stopped urged warned

The decision to drop atomic bombs on Japan

Since the US dropped the first atomic bombs on Japan in 1945, historians have **a** *continued to* argue about whether or not this was justified. By 1945 Japanese forces had been severely damaged, but they had not

b fighting. American forces had **c** invade

Japan, but an invasion would have **d** *landing* in several places, and military planners **e** that there would be at least a million US casualties, and far more Japanese ones. Dropping the newly-tested atomic bomb **f** be a better alternative, which might

g the Japanese government that surrender was the best

option. After the first bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on 6 August, killing and wounding over 150,000 people, the American government

h the Japanese that further bombs would follow, and **i** them to surrender.

A second bomb dropped on Nagasaki three days later, which **j** the Japanese to accept that they were in an impossible situation, and the government *surrendered* on 14 August. Only when US scientists and medical experts finally examined the *devastated* cities and their suffering populations did the terrible effects of atomic weapons become clear. Many Americans **k** that such *weapons* had been used, and began to **l** they would never be used again.



GLOSSARY

EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Write examples of things you like / can't bear / regret / want to stop doing.

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verbs followed by -ing or infinitive