

D Complete using the correct form (-ing form, bare infinitive or full infinitive) of the verbs in the box. Use each verb only once.

achieve • be • behave • come • do • hope • improve • learn • listen
make • play • sit down • take • tell • try • use • work

Report: William Watson

William Watson sometimes seems to be afraid of (1) hard. He can't help (2) to avoid (3) anything that involves (4) his brain, particularly on Friday afternoons. He seems to detest (5) life seriously, and pretends he isn't capable of (6) anything of worth. This is unfortunate as, with a little more effort, William could succeed in (7) great progress. However, at present he frequently just wants (8) the fool. He enjoys (9) jokes. Presumably, he imagines this (10) the best way to make friends, but in fact he often just ends up preventing the other students from (11) He has promised on several occasions (12) his behaviour in class, but then he just keeps on (13) in exactly the same way. Recently, I have had to beg him (14) and be quiet in the classroom, but it's difficult to know how to make him (15) to his senses. He just doesn't seem interested in (16) to my opinion. I'm tempted to give up even (17) that he might improve. Having said that though, Mr Watson is an extremely good maths teacher!

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E For each pair of sentences, put a tick (✓) if both sentences mean the same thing. Put a cross (x) if they have different meanings.

- 1 a I can't bear being tickled!
 b I can't bear to be tickled!
- 2 a My boss went on saying that he was very proud of all of us.
 b My boss went on to say that he was very proud of all of us.
- 3 a Have you stopped having lunch yet?
 b Have you stopped to have lunch yet?
- 4 a Have you started having lunch yet?
 b Have you started to have lunch yet?
- 5 a They continued climbing the mountain
 b They continued to climb the mountain.
- 6 a We all saw the reporter interviewing the witness.
 b We all saw the reporter interview the witness.
- 7 a I love playing practical jokes on my younger brother.
 b I love to play practical jokes on my younger brother.
- 8 a Why don't you try holding your breath for a minute or two?
 b Why don't you try to hold your breath for a minute or two?
- 9 a I hate being cheated by taxi drivers.
 b I hate to be cheated by taxi drivers.