

Using the dictionary

Finding out about the grammar of verbs from the dictionary

A Structures with verbs

Decide whether these sentences are acceptable ✓ or not ✗.

- 1 He hacked the bush. ✗
- 2 He hacked the bush down.
- 3 Pam handled the situation well.
- 4 Pam always handles well in these situations.
- 5 A bit a fresh air won't harm.
- 6 The dog won't harm you.
- 7 Who's parked in front of our entrance?
- 8 Where did you park?
- 9 They faxed us the invoice.
- 10 Can you spare me a minute?
- 11 Be careful with that glass bowl! It cost me!
- 12 They served us drinks in the garden.

B Verbs following verbs

Circle the form of the verb which is correct in these sentences.

- 1 They are **considering** to build/building a new motorway.
- 2 We **expect** to arrive/arriving about two.
- 3 She **denied** to take/taking the money.
- 4 They **discussed** to change/changing the company's name.
- 5 He **resolved** to try/trying harder next time.
- 6 I couldn't **resist** to eat/eating the last biscuit.
- 7 Do you **miss** to see/seeing the children every day?
- 8 She **suggested** to go/going out for a meal.
- 9 I **waited** to see/seeing what he would do next.
- 10 He **neglected** to tell/telling us that he had no money.

C Prepositions following verbs

Look at the patterns in the entries for the verbs in these sentences and complete them with a suitable preposition.

- 1 I concluded _____ his remarks that he disapproved _____ the idea.
- 2 They promoted him _____ assistant manager _____ manager.
- 3 The hotel provided us _____ towels and bathrobes.
- 4 She quarrelled _____ her brother _____ money.
- 5 It's good to quote examples _____ the text in your essay.