

26 Verbs followed by infinitive or -ing forms 2

Activity A

Decide whether each of the bold verbs in sentences 1–10 should be followed by a verb in the infinitive or in the -ing form. Then complete the sentences with the verbs below in the correct form.

advise be be believe come cooperate do eat fix get
give have learn see smash start visit walk postpone

- 1 I **attempted** _____ the car myself, but I didn't **manage** _____ it working.
- 2 The dog **resisted** _____ for a walk for ages, but finally **decided** _____.
- 3 I **gave up** _____ French ten years ago, but now I'm **considering** _____ again.
- 4 The boys **denied** _____ the window, but the Head **refused** _____ their story.
- 5 The job **involves** _____ students on possible future careers.
- 6 I **happened** _____ my old roommate in town. He was driving a Mercedes, and **appears** _____ doing very well for himself!
- 7 I said I didn't **mind** _____ to town, but my friend **offered** _____ me a lift.
- 8 He **pretended** _____ crazy in order to **escape** _____ military service.
- 9 I **intended** _____ the US this spring, but then I **decided** _____ going there until after my exams.
- 10 We couldn't **afford** _____ at a restaurant, so I **suggested** _____ a picnic by the river.

Activity B

With a partner, make up and write down a story together that uses each of the ten verbs below in order, each followed by another verb in infinitive or -ing form (Find an interesting photo in a magazine to start you off, if you need to.) Then compare your story with another pair's.

decide—offer—mind—consider—resist—suggest—manage—involve—attempt—escape