

27 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 ~~go~~ 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 ~~which~~ 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