

Verb patterns

I can identify and use verb patterns.

1 Complete the text with the infinitive (with or without to) or -ing form of the verbs in brackets.



Three years ago, an Australian couple from Perth decided <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on holiday – permanently. In other words, they hoped <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) on holiday for years rather than days. So far, their trip has lasted for three years and they're enjoying <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) so much that they will keep <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) it for as long as possible.

Before the trip, Nicole Connolly ran a successful business. But the death of a family member made her <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about her life in a different way. She spent some time <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) her ideas with Michael, her husband, and they ended up <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a decision: they agreed <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give up) their home and their jobs in return for freedom and adventure. But they couldn't put their plan into action immediately. They went on <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for a year and managed <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (save) some money. They then sold their house and their possessions. Finally, they could afford <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) their journey.

They started <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) and they've been on the road ever since. They've continued <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (earn) some money by managing an online business, including a successful blog about their lifestyle. And although they miss their friends and family, they don't miss their old life; they definitely prefer <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on holiday all the time.

2 Complete the sentences with the infinitive or -ing form of the verbs in brackets. Your answers will depend on the meaning.

- 1 She tried \_\_\_\_\_ (open) her suitcase, but it was impossible without the key.
- 2 I'm not surprised you found the film confusing – you didn't stop \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) all the way through!
- 3 I keep waking up at 3 a.m. I've tried \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed earlier, but it doesn't help.
- 4 I'll never forget \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) India when I was a child.
- 5 I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) this T-shirt. Maybe somebody gave it to me.
- 6 We often forget \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) the computer off at night.
- 7 Before you go to bed, please remember \_\_\_\_\_ (lock) the front door.
- 8 There was an icy wind, so she stopped \_\_\_\_\_ (do) up her coat.

3 Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use an infinitive in sentences 1 and 3 and an -ing form in 2 and 4.

- 1 I often forget \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I stopped \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I stopped \_\_\_\_\_

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When you learn verb patterns, you can write them like this:

fancy doing something

let sb do something

Alternatively, write them in sentences which may be useful and underline the verb pattern:

Do you fancy going out this evening?

Could you let me see that photo?

4 Read the Vocab boost! box. Then write sentences which include these verbs. Underline the verb patterns.

- 1 (avoid doing sth) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 (choose to do sth) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 (not mind doing sth) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 (expect to do sth) \_\_\_\_\_

