

# *Verb patterns*

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1 Read the text. How many casualties were there during the protest?



In the 1960s and '70s, there were many demonstrations against the Vietnam War. One particular demonstration in 1970 ended badly. Most people who sympathised with the students' protests would have preferred them to continue their previous peaceful demonstrations against the Vietnam War, but this one became violent. Protestors threw rocks and bottles at police officers and left a building burning. The Mayor declared a state of emergency and got the Governor of Ohio to send in soldiers. They used tear gas to try to make the students disperse, before opening fire, killing four students. As a result of the nationwide protest that followed, Governor Reagan had California University close its entire college system, affecting over a quarter of a million students. Nearly 5 million students then joined a national strike, which remains the biggest in American history. Museums and art galleries closed in solidarity, and many US soldiers refused to continue fighting in Vietnam. There's no doubt that, because of the students' actions, thousands of Americans were made to reconsider their attitude to the Vietnam War.

*Casualty:  
someone who is  
hurt or killed in  
an accident or  
war*

*Our aim is to  
reduce road  
casualties.*

***Get** + **object** + **infinitive with to***

*This structure means "persuade someone or sth to do something".*

*I couldn't **get** her to hear me.*

*I can't **get** my computer to work.*

*we **got** a mechanic to repair the elevator.*

*I couldn't **get** her to understand the problem.*

*have* + *object* + *infinitive without to*

*This structure means "persuade someone or sth to do something".*

❖ *I'll have her copy the document right away. (I'll ask/tell her to copy the document right away.)*

❖ *I'll have someone fix the computer.*

***make*** + ***object*** + ***infinitive without to***

***'force someone to do something that  
he or she doesn't want to do'***

❖ ***The teacher **made** Jack **rewrite** the  
composition. (The teacher forced Jack to  
rewrite the composition.)***

❖ ***They **made** me **wait**.***

*Sb + was/were made + to do sth*

❖ *He was made to pay back.*

❖ *Jack was made to rewrite the composition.*

**would prefer** + **object** + **infinitive with to**

**To talk about preferences**

- ❖ **I'd prefer to go by myself.**
- ❖ **I'd prefer the government to spend less money.**
- ❖ **She'd prefer not to drive at night.**
- ❖ **They'd prefer us to come later.**

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

arrest   decide   keep   not tell   resign   sign

A local MP has been made <sup>1</sup> to resign after a radio interview during which he made racist and sexist remarks. Angry listeners got over two thousand people <sup>2</sup> to sign a petition demanding his resignation and threatened to have the police <sup>3</sup> arrest him. The strength of opinion made the disgraced politician <sup>4</sup> decide that he could no longer keep his job. One protestor commented that while she would prefer politicians <sup>5</sup> not to tell lies, in this case she would have preferred him <sup>6</sup> to keep his opinions to himself!



## LEARN THIS! Verb + object + present or past participle



- 1 We can use these verbs + object + present participle with an active meaning: *find, get, have, keep, leave*  
*I can't get the TV working!*  
*The doctors will soon have you walking again.*
- 2 We can use these verbs + object + past participle with a passive meaning: *get, have, leave, prefer, want*  
*Some people want him arrested for his actions.*  
*I'm getting my hair cut tomorrow.*



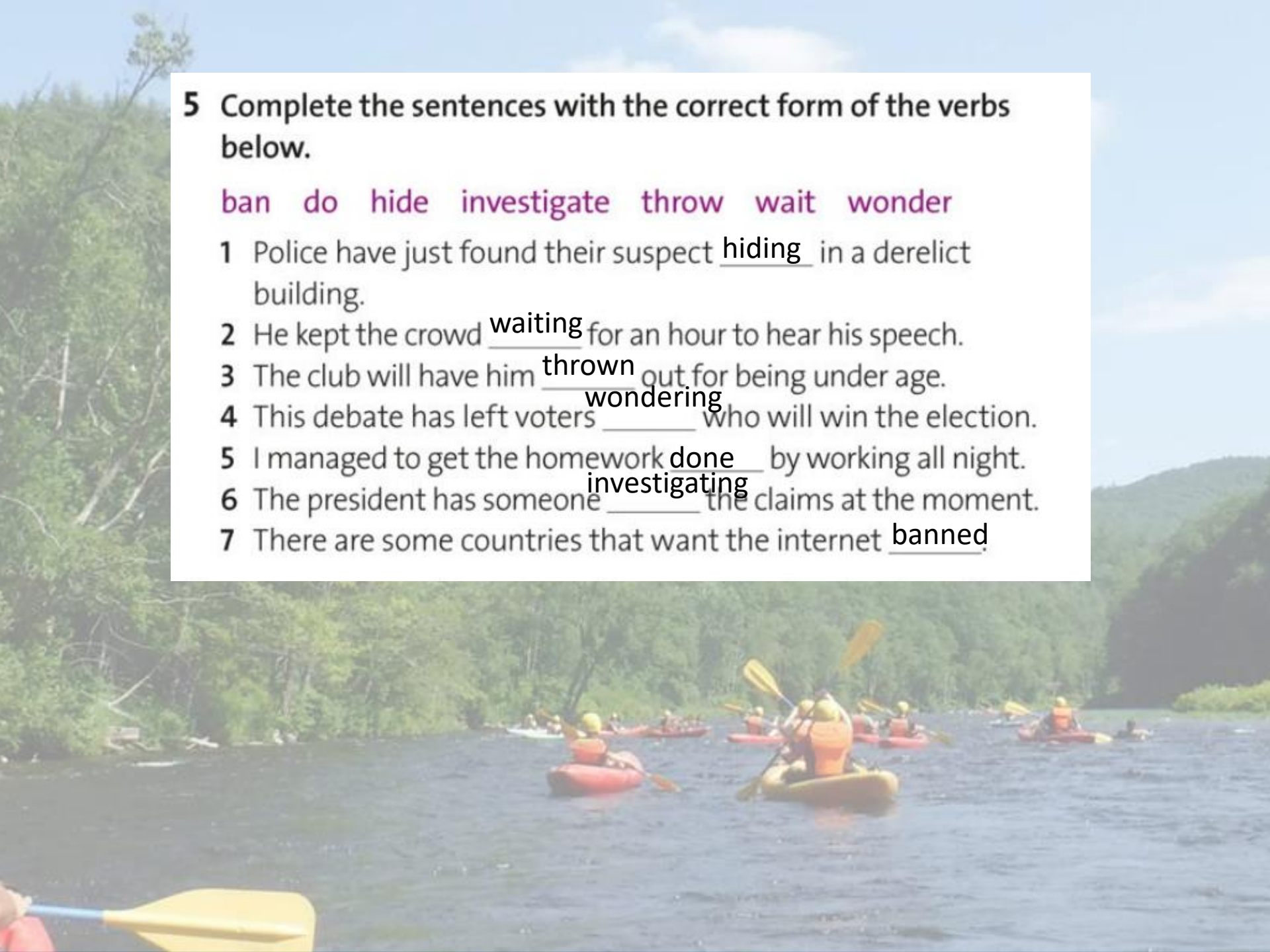
**4** Read the **Learn this!** box. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Soldiers got the students to leave by using tear gas. (leave)
- 2 Everyone would prefer politicians not to lie. (not lie)
- 3 The film made me realise how serious climate change is. (realise)
- 4 If you want these laws changed, sign our petition! (change)
- 5 Recent riots have left dozens of people injured. (injure)
- 6 The press should be made to apologise for their actions. (apologise)

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

ban do hide investigate throw wait wonder

- 1 Police have just found their suspect hiding in a derelict building.
- 2 He kept the crowd waiting for an hour to hear his speech.
- 3 The club will have him thrown out for being under age.
- 4 This debate has left voters wondering who will win the election.
- 5 I managed to get the homework done by working all night.
- 6 The president has someone investigating the claims at the moment.
- 7 There are some countries that want the internet banned



**6 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Take turns to tell each other about something that:

- you haven't managed to get done this week.
- has had you laughing recently.