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Basics. Verb + Object + To Infinitive Patterns

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | B1 | Intermediate | Indirect speech | Infinitive | Negation | Object | Past tense | Pronoun | Sentence | Verb | Simple tense | Word order

1. Help the exhausted dog trainer complete his daily progress report by choosing the correct phrases.

I finally persuaded _____ my favorite shoe, but I couldn't convince _____ chasing its own tail!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) the puppy dropping
B) the puppy drop
C) the puppy to drop

Blank 2

A) the bulldog stop
B) the bulldog stopping
C) the bulldog to stop

2. Read the birthday boy's text message and choose the correct phrase to complete it.

My friends want _____ a silly chicken costume to the surprise party, but I absolutely refuse!

Select one.

A) I to wear
B) me wear
C) me to wear
D) my wearing

3. Help the assistant director write down the demanding movie director's daily notes. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use the "verb + object + to infinitive" pattern!

Select all that apply.

A) The director wants the actors to memorize the script by tomorrow.
B) He expects them to show more emotion in the final scene.
C) The director wants that the actors to memorize the script.
D) He expects them show more emotion in the final scene.

4. Complete the eccentric billionaire's diary entry about his weekend plans.

I _____ my bravest friends _____ the haunted mansion with me. I also _____ the resident ghost _____ them at midnight!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) made
B) insisted
C) invited

Blank 2

A) explore
B) exploring
C) to explore

Blank 3

A) hoped
B) suggested
C) wanted

Blank 4

- **A)** scare
- **B)** scaring
- **C)** to scare

5. Complete the mayor's emergency broadcast about the misunderstood alien visitors.

We advise _____ calm. The spacecraft is just parking. Furthermore, I must remind _____ our galactic guests some tea and biscuits when they knock.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** all citizens remain
- **B)** all citizens remaining
- **C)** all citizens to remain

Blank 2

- **A)** everyone offer
- **B)** everyone offering
- **C)** everyone to offer

6. Complete the spooky diary entry of the unsuspecting tourist.

Count Dracula politely invited _____ his dark, creepy castle for a quick "bite" to eat.

Select one.

- **A)** we to step inside
- **B)** us step inside
- **C)** us to step inside
- **D)** us stepping inside

7. Complete the spaceship captain's log about his unusual crew.

I strictly _____ the alien pilot _____ the shiny red button. However, a friendly robot _____ him _____ it anyway, and now we are flying backwards!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** demanded
- **B)** made
- **C)** ordered

Blank 2

- **A)** not touch
- **B)** not touching
- **C)** not to touch

Blank 3

- **A)** let
- **B)** suggested
- **C)** encouraged

Blank 4

- **A)** push
- **B)** pushing
- **C)** to push

8. Fill in the blanks to complete the roommate's passive-aggressive sticky note left on the fridge.

I want _____ your dirty dishes today! Did you really expect _____ them for you while you were sleeping?

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** you wash
- **B)** you washing
- **C)** you to wash

Blank 2

- **A)** the magic fairy clean
- **B)** the magic fairy cleaning
- **C)** the magic fairy to clean

9. Help the frustrated dog trainer complete their evaluation report.

I _____ the fluffy dog _____, but it ignored me completely. It is very difficult to _____ this stubborn puppy _____ the ball instead of eating it.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** said
- **B)** spoke
- **C)** told

Blank 2

- **A)** sit
- **B)** sitting
- **C)** to sit

Blank 3

- **A)** learn
- **B)** make
- **C)** teach

Blank 4

- **A)** fetch
- **B)** fetching
- **C)** to fetch

10. Read the welcome brochure for the "Polly Wants a Pitch" parrot singing camp. Select ALL the rules that are written with perfect grammar!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** We encourage the parrots to sing loudly every morning.
- **B)** The counselors allow the birds to rest after lunch.
- **C)** We invite all pet owners to watch the final concert.
- **D)** We encourage the parrots sing loudly every morning.
- **E)** The counselors allow to the birds to rest after lunch.

11. Help the sci-fi author complete this dramatic scene from a time-travel novel.

Before jumping into the portal, the time traveler told _____ the big red button under any circumstances!

Select one.

- **A)** his assistant not to touch
- **B)** his assistant don't touch
- **C)** to his assistant not touch
- **D)** his assistant to not touching

12. The spaceship captain is trying to keep her crew safe (and sane) during a chaotic mission. Choose ALL the grammatically correct commands she gives!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The captain told the crew to clean the radar dish.
- **B)** She warned the mechanic not to touch the glowing red button.
- **C)** The captain told to the crew to clean the radar dish.
- **D)** She warned the mechanic to not touching the glowing red button.