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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.