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Basics. Verbs Followed by the To-Infinitive

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | Gerund | Infinitive | Past tense | Present tense | Verb | Simple tense | Collocations

1. Complete the clumsy secret agent's highly confidential mission report.

I completely forgot _____ off the security cameras, so the villain now has a hilarious video of me dancing in the hallway.

Select one.

A) turning
B) turn
C) turned
D) to turn

2. Help the amateur chef complete his kitchen disaster diary by dragging the correct forms into the blanks.

Dear Diary,
Today, I decided _____ a massive chocolate cake for my roommate's birthday. I promised _____ the recipe exactly this time, instead of just guessing the measurements. I carefully mixed all the ingredients and put the pan in the kitchen. Unfortunately, I forgot _____ the oven, so now we are eating a bowl of chocolate soup.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) baking
B) bake
C) to bake

Blank 2
A) following
B) follow
C) to follow

Blank 3
A) turning on
B) turn on
C) to turn on

3. Complete the dramatic text message from a remorseful roommate.

I am so sorry about last night! I promise _____ you a brand new, extra-large pepperoni pizza tomorrow!

Select one.

A) buying
B) buy
C) to buy
D) bought

4. Complete the TV chef's desperate apologies during a live cooking disaster. Select the best option for each blank.

"I initially wanted _____ a beautiful chocolate cake for you all, but the oven is on fire."

"As you can see, I am currently learning _____ this heavy fire extinguisher."

"Next week, I would like _____ a professional firefighter to the show just in case."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) to bake
B) baking
C) bake

Blank 2

- **A)** to use
- **B)** using
- **C)** use

Blank 3

- **A)** to invite
- **B)** inviting
- **C)** invite

5. Help the brave college students finalize their secret plan for their grumpy professor. Drag the correct words to complete their group chat message.

Listen up, team! We are planning _____ a surprise birthday party for Professor Smith next Friday. We hope _____ him smile for the very first time this semester. Please try _____ it a secret from him, or he might give us extra homework as revenge!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** throwing
- **B)** throw
- **C)** to throw

Blank 2

- **A)** seeing
- **B)** see
- **C)** to see

Blank 3

- **A)** keeping
- **B)** keep
- **C)** to keep

6. Help the teenagers plan their chaotic road trip. Select ALL the verbs that correctly complete the sentence.

We need _____ some snacks before we start this long drive!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** to buy
- **B)** to get
- **C)** buying
- **D)** get
- **E)** to pack

7. Read the frantic sticky note left by your roommate and choose the correct verb forms to complete their message.

"I woke up late, so I decided _____ breakfast today!"

"I desperately need _____ my history essay before the lecture starts."

"Wish me luck—I hope _____ the exam anyway!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to skip
- **B)** skipping
- **C)** skip

Blank 2

- **A)** to print
- **B)** printing
- **C)** print

Blank 3

- **A)** to pass
- **B)** passing
- **C)** pass

8. Help the overly optimistic student complete their weekend study schedule.

This weekend, I plan _____ all three seasons of that new sci-fi show... and maybe read one chapter of my biology textbook if I have time.

Select one.

- **A)** to watch
- **B)** watching
- **C)** watch
- **D)** watched

9. Help Agent 00Oops complete his pre-mission checklist before he ruins another top-secret assignment. Select the correct verb form for each gap.

"I promise _____ the secret gadgets this time, instead of my grocery list."

"I must not forget _____ my laser watch before leaving the headquarters."

"Finally, we plan _____ through the bakery's back door if the villains find us."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to bring
- **B)** bringing
- **C)** bring

Blank 2

- **A)** to charge
- **B)** charging
- **C)** charge

Blank 3

- **A)** to escape
- **B)** escaping
- **C)** escape

10. Help the agency write the report on the clumsy spy! Select ALL the words that correctly complete the sentence.

Agent 007-and-a-half _____ to steal the secret cookie recipe, but he tripped over a mop instead.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** attempted
- **B)** tried
- **C)** avoided
- **D)** finished
- **E)** planned

11. Complete the frustrated student's text message to their mom about a lazy roommate. Drag the correct verb forms to fill the gaps.

Mom, I can't stand living with Dave anymore! He always refuses _____ the bathroom, even when it's his turn. Yesterday, he finally agreed _____ the mountain of dirty dishes in the sink. However, when it was time to do them, he just pretended _____ asleep on the couch!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** cleaning
- **B)** clean
- **C)** to clean

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** being
- **B)** be
- **C)** to be

12. Review the frustrated roommate's complaint letter. Select ALL the sentences that are grammatically correct.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** You promised to wash the dishes yesterday!
- **B)** You always forget to take out the trash.
- **C)** You agreed paying for half of the pizza.
- **D)** You offered cleaning the living room.
- **E)** You refused to vacuum the rug.