

FUMC ESL 3-9-2017 High Intermediate Lesson

Monday you worked on making sentences with gerunds. Today you will work on making sentences with infinitives. But first, take this quiz.

Circle the correct choice. In a few of these sentences, both choices are correct.

1. Did she admit (to cheat - cheating) on the test?
2. They don't allow (to park - parking) in this lot without a sticker.
3. We delayed (to leave - leaving) because of the immigration ban.
4. I enjoy (to watch - watching) the children play tag.
5. She quit (to work - working) weekends after the baby came.
6. We advised her (to choose - choosing) another English course.
7. Mother wouldn't tolerate (to talk - talking) on cell phones at the dinner table.
8. Dad didn't wait (to see - seeing) what happened at the end of the movie.
9. She started (to study - studying) English in first grade.
10. We practice (to run - running) every day.
11. Dad forgot (to ask - asking) where he should pick Mother up.
12. She started (to cry - crying) when we asked her about Jeff.
13. I quite (to try - trying) because it was too difficult.
14. James promised (to support - supporting) me.
15. I hate (to read - reading) news about traffic accidents.

Some verbs are frequently followed by infinitives. Write sentences with these verbs followed by an infinitive. Underline the infinitive you use. The first row has been done for you as examples.

agree	like	arrange	ask	begin	cease
choose	continue	decide	demand	want	expect
forget	get	hate	like	prepare	pretend
promise	threaten				

1. We agreed to pick up Susan at the airport.
2. She likes to dance.
3. They arranged to fly to Beijing after the course ended.
4. I asked to stay out late, but Mother said, "No".
5. He began to talk to us about traveling in China.
6. The government ceased to provide health insurance for the poor.
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These sentences have idioms. Read the paragraph or sentence. Explain the meaning of the sentence and the underlined idiom.

1. Jeremy aims to do well when he begins the class. But by the end of the semester, he always falls behind. I don't think he will ever amount to anything.

2. Jim's algebra class is very hard, but he's beginning to see the light. His reluctance to take hard math classes in high school is catching up with him in college.

3. Jan's dress is reminiscent of the ones worn at the turn of the century.

4. My neighbor is reputed to be a spy. But if he is, he'll carry the secret to his grave. He doesn't give any hint of being a secret agent. He just seems like a mild-mannered banker.

5. I found it difficult to regain my composure after the outburst at the meeting. I refuse to risk my safety by holding meetings with these hooligans. You never know what they are capable of.