

Appendix 4

Verbal Constructions

Verb	Infinitive	-ing form	Noun	Clause
accuse		(sb) of stealing	of theft	
admit		lying	the lie	that he lied
advise	(you) to consider carefully	considering carefully	careful consideration	that you (should) consider carefully
aim	to travel	at travelling		
apologise		for being careless	for my carelessness	
appear	to know facts (<i>personal construction</i>)			that he knows the facts (<i>impersonal construction</i>)
ask	(me) to show him the way		(me) the way	if I could show him the way
avoid		causing accidents	accidents	
begin	to write the letter	writing the letter	the letter	
believe		in being tactful	in tact	that one should be tactful
boast		of/about succeeding	about/of his success	that he had succeeded
cease	to care	caring		
complain		(to sb) about failing	about his failure	that he had failed
concentrate		on solving the problem	on the solution	
consider	(him) to be trustworthy (<i>believe</i>)	explaining the situation	the explanation	that his explanation is acceptable
confess		to stealing		(that) he has stolen
continue	to work	working		the work
dare	(him) to jump			
decide	to buy a red car	(on/against) buying a red car	on/against a red car	that he will buy a red car
demand	to be promoted		promotion	that he should be promoted
deny		breaking the vase	the accusation	that he broke the vase
describe	how to make the mask	(the process of) making the mask	the mask	
dislike		watching horror films	horror films	
dream		of travelling	of a journey	that he will travel
encourage	(me) to drink	drinking		
enjoy		visiting the museum	the visit	
excuse		his being rude	his rudeness	
exclaim			at the scenery	that the scenery was beautiful

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expect	to get a gift		a gift	that he will get a gift
explain			the reason for his lateness	why he was late
fancy		having a drink	a drink	
feel	(sth) move (<i>completed action</i>)	(sth) moving (<i>action in progress</i>)	the movement	
find	it difficult to learn a language	learning a language difficult	languages difficult	that it was difficult to learn a language
forget	to buy (<i>fail to remember</i>)	buying (<i>unable to recall</i>)	the purchase	that I bought
hate	to travel by bus	travelling by bus	buses	
hear	(him) shout	shouting	a shout	
help	(to) repair	by repairing (<i>method</i>) in repairing (<i>type of help</i>)	that man	
hope	to succeed		for success	that I will succeed
imagine		seeing the accident	the accident	that I had seen the accident
insist		on paying		that I (should) pay
intend	to play	playing		
be interested	to learn about his success (<i>one occasion</i>)	in studying history (<i>generally/always</i>)	in history	
be kept	to do my homework	for being unprepared		
know	how to get there	about getting there	the way	that I will/can get there
laugh		at/about having misunderstood	at/about the misunderstanding	
let	(him) go			
like	to sing	singing	songs	
be likely	to phone (<i>personal construction</i>)			that he'll phone (<i>impersonal construction</i>)
love	to read novels	reading novels	novels	
make	(him) agree		an agreement	
mean	to start (<i>intend - personal construction</i>)	starting (<i>involve - impersonal construction</i>)		that I'll have to start
need	to be painted	painting	some paint	
(there will) be an opportunity	(for me) to travel abroad			
have an opportunity		of going to Italy		
order	(him) to bring the meal		a meal	
pay	(him) to fix the tap (<i>paid before fixing</i>)	(him) for fixing the tap (<i>paid after fixing</i>)		
prefer	to listen to the radio	listening to the radio to watching television	radio programmes to TV programmes	

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pretend	to understand			that I understand
promise	to investigate		an investigation	that he will investigate
propose	to undertake (<i>intend</i>)	undertaking (<i>suggest</i>)	a trip	that he should undertake
recommend	(sb) to visit	visiting	a visit	that you should visit
regret	to inform	having to inform	the decision	that we must inform
remember	to ask	asking (<i>recall</i>)	the place	that I asked
remind	to post		(me) of our holiday (cause to <i>remember</i>)	him that he (should) post
say		(to him) about his leaving		that he couldn't leave
seem	to enjoy (<i>personal construction</i>)			that he enjoys (<i>impersonal construction</i>)
show	how to knit		the knitting	that she understood how to knit
speak		(to me) of/about becoming a lawyer	(to me) of/about law	
start	to read the book	reading the book	the book	
stop	to clean the car (<i>pause</i>)	cleaning the car (<i>finish</i>)	the car	
succeed		in passing the examination	in the examination	
suggest		finding a job	a solution (an idea)	that you (should) find a job
suspect	(him) to be the robber	of robbing the bank	(him of) robbery	that he is the robber
talk		(to me) of/about seeing the paintings	(to me) of/about the paintings	
tell	(her) to explain the whole story		the whole story	(her) that (she) should explain the whole story
think		of/about changing	of/about the change	that he will/might change
try	to use (<i>attempt</i>)	using (<i>as an experiment</i>)	the new machine	
understand	how to behave	(your) behaving badly	(your) behaviour	why (you) behaved badly
want	to have a car	cleaning	a car	
watch	him write (<i>complete action</i>)	him writing (<i>incomplete action</i>)	the film	
wonder	how to fix		at your behaviour (<i>surprised at</i>)	how I could fix