

## Verb Patterns- Sentence Completion Guessing Games

*Play the game or games below that your teacher tells you to.*

### Game A: Verb patterns sentence completion guessing game

*Fill at least half the sentences below with true information for you. Read out just the part that you have written in one gap (not the printed words around it) and see if your partner can guess which sentence you wrote that in (from the grammar of the words you say, the logic of the sentence, and what they know and can guess about you).*

#### Useful phrases for playing the game

“No, that isn’t possible (grammatically) because...”

“No, that doesn’t make (much) sense because...”

“No, that isn’t true for more because....”

“That is also true, but it isn’t the sentence I’ve written”

“Yes, that is exactly what I’ve written”

### Game B: Verb patterns sentence completion bluff

*Fill the sentences above with a mixture of true and false information, being very careful to put the right grammar in each gap. Read out one sentence and see if your partner can guess whether it is a fact or not, perhaps after answering questions about that thing (you can continue lying if it was a made up example).*

### Game C: Verb patterns sentence completion things in common

*Try to find sentences below that you can both/ all complete in the same way.*

### Verb patterns grammar presentation

*Before, during or after the activities above, go through what grammatical form is needed in each of the gaps below.*

*Try to find verbs which have similar or opposite meanings and the same grammatical form after them.*

*If your teacher tells you to, play the other game above, this time just saying what you would put in each gap (without writing first).*

**Verb pattern sentences to complete and guess about your partner**

- I aim \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of this year.
- I always dread \_\_\_\_\_.
- I asked \_\_\_\_\_ (but they refused).
- I can't afford \_\_\_\_\_ but I want to.
- I can't remember ever \_\_\_\_\_.
- I can't stand \_\_\_\_\_.
- I could teach \_\_\_\_\_.
- I don't let my boyfriend/ girlfriend/ husband/ wife/ partner/ brother/ sister \_\_\_\_\_.
- I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ (even though many people hate it).
- I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (but it is bad for me).
- I expect my best friend \_\_\_\_\_.
- I hope \_\_\_\_\_ someday (but I might never do it).
- I have made my boyfriend/ girlfriend/ husband/ wife/ partner/ brother/ sister \_\_\_\_\_.
- I miss \_\_\_\_\_.
- I object \_\_\_\_\_ (but most other people don't seem to care).
- I often forget \_\_\_\_\_.
- I often stop \_\_\_\_\_ when I am driving/ cycling/ walking a long way.
- I often waste time \_\_\_\_\_.
- I really should stop \_\_\_\_\_ (but I probably won't).
- I regret \_\_\_\_\_.
- I tried \_\_\_\_\_, but it didn't work.
- I tried \_\_\_\_\_, but I couldn't.
- I try to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ (but sometimes I have no choice).
- I would love \_\_\_\_\_ (if I had enough money).
- I would pay \_\_\_\_\_ (I hate it so much).
- I would warn foreign people coming to this city \_\_\_\_\_.
- I wouldn't allow my grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'd love to \_\_\_\_\_, (but I'm not sure that I ever will).



- I'd refuse \_\_\_\_\_, (however much they paid me).
- I'll never forget \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'll never get used \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'll probably keep (on) \_\_\_\_\_ (even though I should stop).
- I'm really looking forward \_\_\_\_\_.
- I've decided \_\_\_\_\_ (but I haven't done it yet).
- I've totally stopped \_\_\_\_\_.
- Last month I forgot \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many people object \_\_\_\_\_, but I don't.
- My grandfather/ grandmother wanted \_\_\_\_\_ (but I didn't).
- My parents allowed \_\_\_\_\_ (unlike other parents).
- My parents encouraged me \_\_\_\_\_.
- My parents made \_\_\_\_\_ (unlike other parents).
- One of my teachers inspired \_\_\_\_\_.
- You'd have to beg \_\_\_\_\_ (before I would do it).