

Verb Patterns **EXAMPLE**

Aim: To help students understand and use the five common verb patterns.

Time: 60 minutes & homework task.

Delivery: This lesson can be delivered face-to-face or online. For online delivery, each worksheet could be placed in a class document on OneDrive.

Lead in

- Distribute or project **worksheet 1**. Students complete **task 1 & task 2**: paragraph analysis.
- Feedback: nominate one or two students to answer, but don't give the answers yet.

Language Review

- Distribute or project the language review. Students read and discuss rules.
- Feedback: nominate one or two students to give their answers.
- Feedback: distribute or project **ANSWERS**.

Guided Practice

- Distribute or project **worksheet 2**.
- Option 1: students complete **tasks 1 & 2** individually, in pairs or small groups.
- Feedback: distribute or project **worksheet 2 tasks 1 & 2 ANSWERS**.
- Option 2: students complete each task individually, in pairs or small groups.
- Feedback: distribute or project **ANSWERS** before students move onto the next task.
- Distribute or project **worksheet 3**. Students complete **task 1**: multiple choice.
- Feedback: distribute or project **worksheet 3 task 1 ANSWERS**.
- Students complete **task 2**: identify the errors.
- Feedback: distribute or project **worksheet 3 task 2 ANSWERS**.

Freer Practice

- Students write a paragraph on the popularity of streaming devices to practise the language learnt.
- Students do peer feedback. Use the included **checklist**.

Homework

- Students choose a topic connected to their studies and write a paragraph paying careful attention to the language learnt in the session.
- Teachers take in and mark. Use our error correction code.

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Worksheet 1: Introduction to verb patterns

Task 1

1. Read the following paragraph on labelling in the cosmetics industry.
2. Do you [redacted]?
3. How many different verb patterns can you identify?
4. Compare with your partner.

Labelling in the cosmetics industry

Many of us today would agree that cosmetic brands should let consumers know exactly what [redacted]. These days, several brands are tapping into the vegan trend by announcing that their product does [redacted] such as beeswax. However, [redacted] the product has not been tested on animals at any point during the process. It is, therefore, quite plausible that a product advertised as vegan may not be labelled cruelty-free. This is [redacted], haircare or make-up item must be tested on animals before the brand decides to sell it to the public. Moreover, cosmetic products made in [redacted] animals, so these could be branded cruelty-free if the company reveals that it is not [redacted] item is [redacted].

Task 2: Which of these verb patterns can you see in the paragraph in task 1?

Refer to the [Language Review on next page](#).

Verb Pattern	Yes/No/Not Sure	Example
Verb + infinitive		
Verb + to + infinitive		
Verb + gerund		
Verb + that clause		
Verb + wh- clause		

Language Review: Verb Patterns

Verb patterns

A verb pattern is when [redacted]. The former verb dictates how the latter verb will be used. There are five main verb patterns in English. These will either involve an infinitive (with or without *to*), the gerund (*-ing* form) and clauses with *that* or *wh-* (*what, when, how* etc.).

Task 3

1. Look at the types of verb patterns.
2. [redacted] ?
3. Discuss with your partner.

Verb Pattern	Common Verbs	Example Sentences
Verb + infinitive	can, [redacted] might, must, should, would	Many parents do not let their children have a mobile phone before they turn twelve. [redacted] become anxious about travelling.
Verb + to + infinitive	afford, [redacted] fail, intend, manage, offer, refuse	Many families cannot afford to pay the anticipated rise in energy bills. [redacted] comment on the allegations.
Verb + gerund	[redacted], consider, deny, involve, [redacted], risk	Meteorologists anticipate rising temperatures in Europe next week. [redacted] consider working at home permanently.
Verb + that clause	acknowledge, agree, announce, [redacted] state, stress	The new CEO announced that there would [redacted]. The experts stress that washing your [redacted] the virus.
Verb + wh- clause	ask, explain, instruct, know, [redacted] [redacted], tell	This article will explain how to wear a face mask correctly. [redacted] the remains were found.
Verb + gerund or infinitive (no change in meaning)	[redacted] prefer, propose	If we continue to destroy the Amazon [redacted] will become extinct. If we continue destroying the Amazon [redacted] will become extinct.
Verb + gerund or infinitive (change in meaning)	[redacted] stop, try	The police tried using tear gas to break up the protest = The police experimented [redacted] [redacted] The police tried to use tear gas to break up [redacted] tear gas but it failed.

Worksheet 2: Guided Practice

Task 1

- Practice *verb + gerund and verb + infinitive (with or without to)* by completing the gap with the word in brackets.
 - People volunteer _____ for the National Trust because they are passionate about conservation. (*work*)
 - Investors in Fox could risk _____ . (*lose*)
 - It is advisable to avoid _____ slides. (*use*)
 - The UK government does not currently allow passengers _____ from several South American countries. (*enter*)
 - Despite _____ large gatherings. (*attend*)
 - The Prime Minister delayed _____ new quarantine _____ . (*introduce*)
 - _____ headteachers over the re-opening of schools. (*sue*)
 - _____ recommend _____ two to three hours of exercise a week. (*do*)
 - This essay aims _____ the _____ mental health. (*examine*)
 - _____ loud gunshots. (*hear*)

Task 2

- Practice *verb + that clause and verb + wh clause* by circling the correct option.
 - Archaeologists have recently discovered when/that the artifacts were made.
 - The purpose _____ how/that a school is run.
 - A report has predicted that/what _____ the next thirty years.
 - A recent survey has revealed how long/that _____ .
 - One of the _____ what/that caused the fire that killed seventy-two people.
 - The White House confirmed that/when President- _____ 2021.
 - The _____ message that/who it had ceased trading.
 - One _____ microchips signal where/that an animal is located.
 - Recent research has suggested which/that _____ in the world.
 - _____ where/that conditions remain unsafe despite new legislation.

Worksheet 3: Guided Practice

Task 1

- Read the following paragraph about hygiene poverty and circle the correct option.
- Compare with your partner.

Hygiene poverty

_____ would associate poverty with a lack of food, but a worryingly new statistic has revealed **which/that/what** more _____ **buy/buying/to buy** _____ soap, shampoo and toothpaste in the UK. This means that while children are being sent to school unclean and risk **be/being/to be** bullied because of it, parents have to consider **have/having/to have** _____. As the _____ **rise/rising/to rise** as a result of the global pandemic, non-profit organisations such as *Beauty Banks* and _____ **that/where/who** a lack of cleanliness affects not only a person's physical health but also their mental _____ as *Superdrug* and *Boots* aim to encourage customers **purchase/purchasing/to purchase** an extra bottle of _____ to remind us all **when/who/why** _____ right that should not be taken for granted.

Task 2

- Read the following paragraph about the Arcadia Group takeovers. Identify and correct any mistakes.
- Compare with your partner.

The Arcadia Group takeovers

At the end of 2020, it was announced when one of the UK's biggest high-street chains, the Arcadia Group _____ fast _____ now been bought by three other companies. Those three companies, *Asos*, *Boohoo* and *City Chic*, all refused _____ that several thousands of jobs have been lost. All three have confirmed where the brands will operate online only. _____ reported to receive between one and three billion in revenue last year. Thus, many people have questioned _____ brands between them _____ their already vast collection of brands was. It seems that, particularly in the case of *Boohoo*, although _____ of the Arcadia brands are not 'fashion-forward', they do bring with them a loyal clientele, and perhaps a _____ *Boohoo* before. Furthermore, three of the brands acquired are still extremely popular, with two million accounts _____ well-established and profitable brands such as *Asos* and *Boohoo* could not resist the opportunity to _____.

Worksheet 4: Freer Practice

Task 1

- Write a paragraph on the [redacted] (such as Amazon Prime and Netflix) paying particular attention to your verb patterns.

Write your paragraph here...

Peer feedback

- Improve your own writing skills by analysing your partner's paragraph:

Has your partner...	Yes / No / Not Sure
correctly identified which verbs require 'to' in clauses using the infinitive?	
[redacted] of gerund clauses?	
demonstrated clear understanding of when to use 'that' or 'wh-' in clauses of that type?	
[redacted] meaning between gerund and infinitive clauses [redacted]?	

Homework

- Find an article related to your area of study. Read through and highlight the verb patterns sentences. Which ones have been used? Why has the writer used these particular ones?
- Select a topic from [redacted] paying particular attention to your verb patterns.

Verb patterns **ANSWERS**

Worksheet 1: Task 1

Labelling in the cosmetics industry

Many of us today **would agree** that cosmetic brands **should let** consumers **know** exactly what ingredients are used in their products. These days, several brands are tapping into the vegan trend by **announcing** that their product does not contain any animal ingredients...

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