

Verb Formation Error Correction **Answers**

Look at each sentence. They are all incorrect. Explain why the sentence is incorrect and write the correct sentence in the spaces provided.

- 1) We ask how get to the cathedral.

EXPLANATION

Sentences with an object
require to + infinitive

CORRECT SENTENCE

We asked how to get to the
cathedral.

- 2) I am so excited see you on Friday afternoon!

EXPLANATION

Adjectives (excited) are
followed by to + infinitive.

CORRECT SENTENCE

I am so excited to see you on
Friday afternoon!

- 3) To go on holiday is so nice and relaxing.

EXPLANATION

Verbs as subjects must be in
gerund form.

CORRECT SENTENCE

Going on holiday is so nice and
relaxing.

4) We really enjoy to watch films together and go out to restaurants.

EXPLANATION

The verb enjoy is followed by gerund. This must apply to all following verbs in the sentence.

CORRECT SENTENCE

We really enjoy watching films together and going out to restaurants.

5) We mustn't to arrive late!

EXPLANATION

Modal verbs (must) are followed by the bare infinitive.

CORRECT SENTENCE

We mustn't arrive late!

6) I really don't like depend on other people.

EXPLANATION

The verb like is followed by either gerund or to + infinitive

CORRECT SENTENCE

I really don't like depending on other people.
I really don't like to depend on other people.

7) Tomorrow, we will celebrating to buy a new car!

EXPLANATION

The first verb must be conjugated in the correct tense and it's the second verb that follows verb formation rules.

CORRECT SENTENCE

Tomorrow, we will celebrate buying a new car!

8) If you continue don't practising your English, you will fail the exam.

EXPLANATION

When we make the second verb negative, we use NOT before the verb.

CORRECT SENTENCE

If you continue not practising your English, you will fail the exam.

9) I really suggest to get some rest.

EXPLANATION

The verb suggest is followed by gerund.

CORRECT SENTENCE

I really suggest getting some rest.

10) We were talking about go to the cinema later together.

EXPLANATION

After prepositions, we use the gerund verb formation.

CORRECT SENTENCE

We were talking about going to the cinema later together.