

1.5 Grammar

Verb patterns

I can use a wide range of verb patterns.

- 1 **CD-1.21 MP3-21** Listen to Part 1 of a podcast about being left-handed. What jobs seem to be more suited to 'lefties'?
- 2 **CD-1.21 MP3-21** Listen to the podcast again. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?
 - 1 No one knows what **makes someone use** their right or left hand. ☐
 - 2 Left-handers **tend to choose** creative professions. ☐
 - 3 Dominance of the left hemisphere **enables left-handers to be** better at 3D perception. ☐
 - 4 Rafa Nadal **keeps winning** because he is naturally left-handed. ☐
- 3 Read and complete GRAMMAR FOCUS I with the verb patterns in blue in Exercise 2.

GRAMMAR FOCUS I

Verb patterns

- 1 verb + to-infinitive: **tend to choose**
- 2 verb + object + to-infinitive: _____
- 3 verb + object + infinitive without to: _____
- 4 verb + -ing: _____

- 4 Match the verbs in the box with verb patterns 1–4 in GRAMMAR FOCUS I. Check the lists in Grammar Focus page 130 if you are not sure.

advise ☐ allow ☐ arrange ☐ avoid ☐ cause ☐
 can't afford ☐ can't help ☐ can't stand ☐
 decide ☐ expect ☐ encourage ☐ fancy ☐
 force ☐ imagine ☐ intend ☐ let ☐ seem ☐
 offer ☐ refuse ☐ remind ☐ manage ☐
 spend/waste time ☐ urge ☐ warn (not) ☐

- 5 **CD-1.22 MP3-22** Complete Part 2 of the podcast with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check. How many left-handed people do you know?

- 6 Read GRAMMAR FOCUS II. Find examples of verb patterns with *remember*, *stop*, *hear* and *see* in the text. Explain the changes in meaning.

GRAMMAR FOCUS II

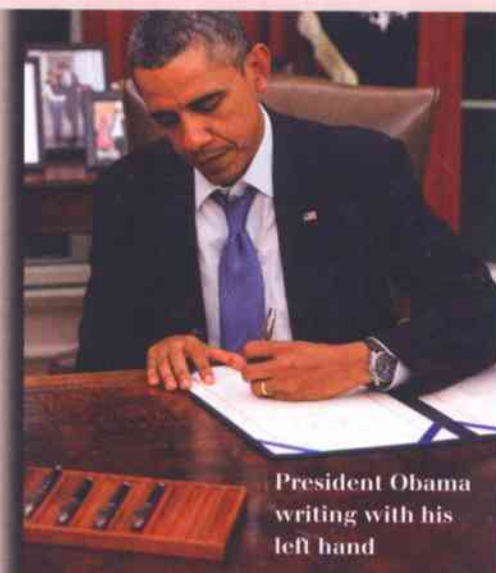
Verb patterns – change in meaning

- You can use *remember*, *forget*, *stop* and *try* with the -ing form or a to-infinitive, but with a change in meaning.
I remember doing my homework. Sadly, I didn't remember to hand it in.
Jim will never forget going on that school trip.
He forgot to take any money.
'I've stopped eating chocolate.' 'Really? Why did you stop to buy some on the way home?'
'I tried to convince Jane but she doesn't want my advice.' 'Why don't you try talking to her best friend? Jane always listens to her.'
- You use *feel*, *hear*, *see*, *watch* + object + -ing to describe ongoing actions or the same verbs + object + infinitive without to to describe finished actions.
I watched Dan playing football and saw him score the winning goal.

- 7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then tick the sentences that are true for you.
 - 1 I often forget _____ (bring) my pens to school.
 - 2 I'll never forget _____ (meet) my best friend.
 - 3 I don't remember _____ (learn) how to swim.
 - 4 I always remember _____ (switch) my phone off in lessons.
 - 5 I stopped _____ (take) piano lessons a while ago.
 - 6 I usually stop _____ (buy) sweets on my way home.
 - 7 If my laptop freezes, I try _____ (restart) it.
 - 8 I've never seen my dad _____ (lose) his temper.
 - 9 I often see my neighbour _____ (drive) to work.

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- So that's the good news about being left-handed. The bad news is that manufacturers don't remember to make tools and machinery for left-handers. Society ¹ _____ (force/us/use) objects that are designed for right-handed people and this ² _____ (make/us/look) clumsy.
- As a child, I don't remember deciding that I was left-handed. But when my primary school teacher saw me using my left hand for writing and drawing, she ³ _____ (encourage/me/swap) hands. She didn't ⁴ _____ (manage/change) my natural inclination and I didn't stop writing with my left hand. Why ⁵ _____ (waste/time/try) to change someone's natural handedness? Just ⁶ _____ (let/them/use) the hand they feel comfortable with – you can't ⁷ _____ (expect/people/do) what isn't natural to them!
- I once heard someone say that left-handed people were strange. But when you stop to think about famous historical figures who were left-handed, you can't ⁸ _____ (avoid/conclude) that they were brilliant! I'm sure Leonardo Da Vinci, Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Winston Churchill and Marie Curie would agree!



President Obama writing with his left hand