**VERB PATTERNS**

1. **VERB + -ing**
   - If these verbs are followed by another verb, the structure is: verb + -ing
     - admit
     - adore
     - allow
     - avoid
     - can’t stand
     - carry on
     - consider
     - deny
     - delay
     - (don’t) mind
     - enjoy
     - fancy
     - finish
     - give up
     - imagine
     - involve
     - keep
     - keep on
     - postpone
     - practise
     - put off
     - recommend
     - risk
     - suggest

   eg.
   - He avoided writing the test.
   - Keep smiling!
   - Did you enjoy reading the book?
   - He denied stealing the purse.
   - I don’t mind helping you.
   - He doesn’t allow smoking in his house.
   - He recommended staying in that hotel.

2. **VERB + to + infinitive**
   - afford
   - agree
   - allow (passive)
   - appear
   - arrange
   - ask
   - attempt
   - choose
   - dare
   - decide
   - expect
   - fail
   - forget
   - help
   - hope
   - learn
   - manage
   - offer
   - plan
   - pretend
   - promise
   - refuse
   - seem
   - tend
   - threaten
   - want
   - would like to

   eg.
   - I can’t afford to go on holiday.
   - She’s decided to give up her job.
   - It seems to be a nice day.
   - He agreed to lend me some money.
   - You are not allowed to smoke here.

3. **VERB + object + to + inf.**
   - advise
   - allow
   - ask
   - beg
   - encourage
   - expect
   - force
   - invite
   - order
   - permit
   - persuade
   - recommend
   - remind
   - teach
   - tell
   - want
   - warn
   - would like

   eg.
   - They invited us to stay in their house.
   - She told me to come on time.
   - They asked us not to make such a noise.

4. **VERB + -ing / to inf.**
   - - no change in meaning
     - begin
     - continue
     - intend
     - start

   eg. It started to rain / raining.

5. **VERB + object + inf.**
   - - no TO in this structure
     - help
     - let
     - make

   Let me show you.
   The news made her cry.
   I’ll help you do it.
6. VERB + -ing / to + inf.
-change in the meaning

REMEMBER
doing sth.
- when you did something and now you remember it; after you did sth.
Eg. I don´t know how the burglar got in. I clearly remember locking the door and shutting the windows.

to do sth.
- you remembered that you had to do sth, so you did it; before you did it.
eg. I remembered to lock the door but I forgot to shut the windows.

TRY
doing sth.
- try something to see if it works or solves the problem.
eg. – I´ve got a terrible headache.
- Why don´t you try taking an aspirin?

to do sth.
- attempt to do, make an effort to do sth.
eg. I tried to keep my open but I couldn´t.

STOP
doing sth.
- to give up, finish with sth completely.
eg. I stopped smoking two years ago. (I don´t do it anymore)

to do sth.
- stop doing what you are doing at the moment in order to do sth else.
eg. I was reading a book. The phone started to ring. I stopped to answer it.

NEED
doing sth.
- sth. needs to be done about sth else (the meaning is passive)
eg. Look at this room. It needs painting.

to do sth.
- it is necessary for me to do it.
eg. He put on weight. He needs to take more exercise.
I need to do the shopping today.

REGRET
doing sth.
- I did sth and now I am sorry about it.
eg. I now regret saying what I said.

to do sth.
- regret to say/tell/inform you = I´m sorry I have to say…
eg. I regret to tell you that you have failed the test.

MEAN
doing sth.
- an impersonal subject, refers to what is involved.
eg. If we catch an early train, it will mean getting up at 6.00.

to do sth.
- to intend.
eg. Sorry, I meant to tell you about the party.

GO ON
doing sth.
- to continue doing the same thing.
eg. The minister paused for a moment and then went on talking about the education.

to do sth.
- to start sth new.
eg. The minister talked about education and after a break he went on to talk about health care.

FINAL NOTE!
HELP
Help is followed by infinitive with or without to:
Everybody helped (to) clean up.
Everybody helped her (to) clean up.

BUT!
I can´t help doing sth = I can´t stop myself from doing sth.
eg. I tried to be serious but I couldn´t help laughing.