

FCE Collocations 2

Instructions: Complete the sentences below with a suitable verb, using either the infinitive (to buy, to come, etc) or the -ing form (buying, coming, etc). Choose from the following and use each verb once only. There are two examples at the beginning.

be hurt pass stay think buy leave play take walk come like save talk want get
live see teach win give meet

Ex. 1. Remember - **to buy** - some milk on your way home tonight.

Ex. 2. I'm busy at the moment. Would you mind - **coming** - back later?

1. I'm sorry, Joe. I didn't mean _____ your feelings.
2. When she was a child, her parents wouldn't allow her _____ in the street.
3. There must be something wrong with Simon. He keeps _____ he's being followed by M15.
4. As they'd received a bomb threat, the police ordered everyone _____ the building.
5. What with inflation and everything, it's just not worth _____ nowadays.
6. I remember _____ to be a pop star when I was a child.
7. Don't pretend _____ jazz. I know you hate it really.
8. 'Mary hasn't got a car. Would you mind _____ her a lift?'
'No, not at all.'
9. I really enjoy going to parties and _____ new people.
10. Her parents were very strict and wouldn't allow her _____ out later than 10.30 at night.
11. Parents usually warn their children against _____ to strangers.
12. I never go swimming because I dislike _____ my hair wet.
13. I agreed _____ her English if she helped me with my Spanish.
14. It was a very tough match, but in the end England managed _____ by two goals to one.
15. He suggested _____ a taxi to the station.
16. The film star disguised herself to avoid _____ recognized
17. Would you dare _____ through a graveyard on your own at night?
18. She was very upset when she failed _____ her driving test.
19. He wasn't happy with his room so he demanded _____ the manager
20. It's hard to imagine _____ without television, isn't it? What on earth would you do in the evenings?

ANSWERS!!

- 1 I'm sorry, Joe. I didn't mean *to hurt* your feelings.
- 2 When she was a child, her parents wouldn't allow her *to play* in the street.
- 3 There must be something wrong with Simon. He keeps *thinking* he's being followed by M15.
- 4 As they'd received a bomb threat, the police ordered everyone *to leave* the building.
- 5 What with inflation and everything, it's just not worth *saving* nowadays.
- 6 I remember *wanting* to be a pop star when I was a child.
- 7 Don't pretend *to like* jazz. I know you hate it really.
- 8 'Mary hasn't got a car. Would you mind *giving* her a lift?'
'No, not at all.'
- 9 I really enjoy going to parties and *meeting* new people.
- 10 Her parents were very strict and wouldn't allow her *to stay* out later than 10.30 at night.
- 11 Parents usually warn their children against *talking* to strangers.
- 12 I never go swimming because I dislike *getting* my hair wet.
- 13 I agreed *to teach* her English if she helped me with my Spanish.
- 14 It was a very tough match, but in the end England managed *to win* by two goals to one.
- 15 He suggested *taking* a taxi to the station.
- 16 The film star disguised herself to avoid *being* recognized
- 17 Would you dare *to walk* through a graveyard on your own at night?
- 18 She was very upset when she failed *to pass* her driving test.
- 19 He wasn't happy with his room so he demanded *to see* the manager
- 20 It's hard to imagine *living* without television, isn't it? What on earth would you do in the evenings?