Make, Let and Help Worksheet: Verb Patterns

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Form	Example
make + object + base verb (force)	My boss made me work late.
let + object + base verb (permission)	They let us leave early.
help + object + (to) verb	She helped me (to) move house.
allow + object + to verb · be allowed to	They allowed us to stay. We weren't allowed to talk.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
She made me to cry.	She made me cry.
My parents didn't let me to go out.	My parents didn't let me go out.
I wasn't let to use my phone.	I wasn't allowed to use my phone.

1. Complete

Complete with make, let or help in the correct form.

1. The teacher _____ us write the essay again. We had no choice.
2. My parents never _____ me stay out after ten.
3. Can you _____ me carry these boxes?
4. Sad films always _____ me cry.
5. _____ me pay for dinner this time, please.
6. She _____ her son clean his room every Saturday.
7. My brother _____ me move to my new flat last month.
8. The guard didn't _____ us take photos.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. My boss let me (leave / to leave) early.
2. They made him (wait / to wait) for an hour.
3. We weren't (let / allowed) to use calculators.
4. The school doesn't allow students (use / to use) phones.
5. Can you help me (find / finding) my keys?
6. Onions make my eyes (water / to water).
7. Her parents (let / allowed) her to go to the concert.
8. He was made (to apologise / apologise) to the whole class.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. My mum made me to eat vegetables.

2. They let us to use the pool.

3. We weren't let to speak during the exam.

4. The film made me feeling sad.

5. My boss allows us work from home.

6. Can you help me with carry this?

Writing

Write 6 sentences about the rules in your house when you were a teenager. Use make, let, help and (not) be allowed to.

Speaking

- What did your parents make you do when you were a child?
- Does your job or school let you work from home?
- What makes you laugh? What makes you angry?
- Would you let a 12-year-old have a smartphone? Why or why not?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 made · 2 let · 3 help · 4 make · 5 Let · 6 makes · 7 helped · 8 let

2. Choose: 1 leave · 2 wait · 3 allowed · 4 to use · 5 find · 6 water · 7 allowed · 8 to apologise

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 My mum made me eat vegetables. · 2 They let us use the pool. · 3 We weren't allowed to speak during the exam. · 4 The film made me feel sad. · 5 My boss allows us to work from home. · 6 Can you help me carry this?

Writing, model answer: When I was a teenager, my parents were quite strict. They made me do my homework before dinner. They didn't let me go out on school nights. I wasn't allowed to have a phone until I was fifteen. But they let me invite friends home at the weekend. My older sister often helped me study for exams.