Practice activities

**Exercise 1:**
Read the first sentence, and choose the most suitable verb to complete the second sentence.

1. "Ellie, would you like to come to my party?"
   Ellie's friend *invited* / *instructed* / *obliged* her to go to the party.

2. "Mum, will you let me go to the party?"
   Ellie *encouraged* / *begged* / *asked* her mum to let her go to the party.

3. "Please, please, please mum, PLEASE let me go to the party!"
   She *forced* / *begged* / *persuaded* her mother to let her go to the party.

4. "Ellie, you are absolutely NOT allowed to go to the party."
   Ellie's mum *forbade* / *forced* / *allowed* her to go to the party.

5. "Now go upstairs and do your homework."
   Ellie's mum *advised* / *trained* / *ordered* her to go upstairs and do her homework.

6. "And don't forget to tidy your room"
   Ellie's mum *reminded* / *begged* / *instructed* her to tidy her room.

7. "Don't forget to clean under the bed, or there will be trouble!"
   Ellie's mum *advised* / *warned* / *encouraged* her not to forget to clean under the bed.
Exercise 2:
Read the first sentence. Then rearrange the words and phrases to complete the second sentence.
For each sentence, there are 2 words that you do not need to use.

1. "Remember you have to pick your jacket up from the dry cleaner's."
   to    warned     she     me    ordered    reminded    go

2. "It's really hot in here. Would you mind opening the window?"
   he    asked    begged     her     ordered    open    to

3. "Would you like to have dinner with us on Friday?"
   He    invited     persuaded     commanded    have    them    to    inner

4. "We'd be delighted if you could all be with us at the ceremony"
   They    warned    their    reminded    to    invited    friends    all

5. "Well, if I were you I'd start saving up for my holiday."
   started    me    advised    advise    start    he    to

6. "Don't drive too fast. The police are cracking down on speeding."
   He    drove    warn    not    to    warned    drive    him
7. "He's just bought a car, so I can visit her any time"
   Buying a car ... ... ... her any time.
   reminded     visited     has     enabled     him     visit     to

8. "Come on, it's about time you looked for a new job, you know!"
   Jack ... ... ... a new job.
   look     to     me     encourage     encouraged     look     for
Grammar Challenge – Verb, object, 'to' + infinitive practice activities

Answers

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Read the first sentence, and choose the most suitable verb to complete the second sentence.

1. "Ellie, would you like to come to my party?"
   Ellie's friend invited / instructed / obliged her to go to the party.
   Why is invited the correct answer? would you like has the idea of invitation; instruct and oblige have an idea of giving orders rather than invitations

2. "Mum, will you let me go to the party?"
   Ellie encouraged / begged / asked her mum to let her go to the party.
   Why is asked the correct answer? will you let is a straightforward question. There is no particular idea of encouragement or begging in these words.

3. "Please, please, please mum, PLEASE let me go to the party!"
   She forced / begged / persuaded her mother to let her go to the party.
   Why is begged the correct answer? Please, please, please has the idea of begging. To persuade, you usually give lots of reasons why a person should do something; you do not usually say please when you are forcing someone to do something

4. "Ellie, you are absolutely NOT allowed to go to the party."
   Ellie's mum forbade / forced / allowed her to go to the party.
   Why is forbade the correct answer? In this context, the use of both forced and allowed suggest that Ellie went to the party. Only forbade makes sense because she did not go.

5. "Now go upstairs and do your homework."
   Ellie's mum advised / trained / ordered her to go upstairs and do her homework.
   Why is ordered the correct answer? The use of the imperative verbs go and do show that this is an order, not advice or training

6. "And don't forget to tidy your room"
   Ellie's mum reminded / begged / instructed her to tidy her room.
   Why is reminded the correct answer? The use of the phrase don't forget is a reminder, not begging or instruction

7. "Don't forget to clean under the bed, or there will be trouble!"
   Ellie's mum advised / warned / encouraged her not to forget to clean under the bed.
   Why is warned the correct answer? …or there will be trouble is a clear warning to Ellie. Encouragement and advice do not usually carry the threat of a punishment
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1. "Remember you have to pick your jacket up from the dry cleaner's."  
   She reminded me to go to the dry cleaner's.

2. "It's really hot in here. Would you mind opening the window?"  
   He asked her to open the window.

3. "Would you like to have dinner with us on Friday?"  
   He invited them to have dinner with them on Friday.

4. "We'd be delighted if you could all be with us at the ceremony"  
   They invited all their friends to attend the ceremony.

5. "Well, if I were you I'd start saving up for my holiday."  
   He advised me to start saving up for my holiday.

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   He warned him not to drive too fast.

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   Buying a car has enabled him to visit her any time.

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   Jack encouraged me to look for a new job.