

Stop doing it, stop to do it... ★★★

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Worksheet (do this)



She stopped to pick the flowers

(= she stopped walking in order to pick the flowers)



She stopped picking the flowers

(= she was picking the flowers, and she stopped)



He stopped her from picking the flowers

(= she was picking the flowers and he stopped her)

Think about the meaning of these sentences, then insert the correct form of the verb in brackets:

1a He stopped _____ (say) hello.
(= He stopped for this purpose)

1b He stopped _____ (say) hello.
(= he no longer greeted her)

1c He stopped her from _____ (say) hello.
(= he did not allow her to greet someone)

2a Mary stopped him from _____ (cook) lunch.
(= she did not let him cook)

2b Mary stopped _____ (cook) lunch.
(= she no longer prepared the food)

2c Mary stopped _____ (cook) lunch.
(= she stopped her other activities and organised lunch)

3a "Mike, stop _____ (make) that noise!"
(= Mike is making too much noise)

3b She stopped Mike from _____ (make) so much noise.
(= Mike was making too much noise and she stopped him)

3c Mike stopped _____ (pick) Jim up.
(= he stopped the car because Jim needed a ride)

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