**Sentences with verb patterns**

**-Remember**

1) Do you remember buying the bread for the dinner? **This sounds strange. It seems as though the speaker knows that the other person bought bread and is now checking whether that person actually remembers buying it or not.**

**How about this: *Do you remember visiting Wales when we were kids?***

**The speaker is asking the other person about a PAST ACTION and whether that person remembers having done it or not, in this case, a childhood holiday. OK?**

2) I must remember to call the doctor in order to book a visit.

- **Go on**

1) Rose went on running all morning.

2) After introducing the programme, the teacher went on to talk about politics.

-**Mean**

1)Reaching a goal means studying hard

2) The house painter told me that he meant to finish by Saturday

-**Regret**

1) I really regret cutting my hair when I was young

2) I regret to tell you that you failed your driving exam

-**Stop**

1) Mary stopped collecting magnets two years ago

2) I stopped to ***have a quick break*** this morning while I was studying for the exams **Remember, STOP TO DO STHG = Stop one action IN ORDER TO DO ANOTHER ACTION. In this case I STOPPED (in order) TO HAVE A BREAK**

-**Try**

1) I think you should try losing weight for your health

2) I tried to stop him, but it was too late.

***-*Does the internet make people more sociable, or does it isolate them? Give your opinion (CORRECTIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW)**

Nowadays, we live in an interconnected world: all people, from children to adults, are constantly connected to the web because of work, to chat or to do other activities. It seems that people aren’t able to live without the Internet: indeed, it’s all you need to do different kinds of activities in our society. There are controversial opinions about the use of the Internet: some people believe that it makes people more sociable, while others think that it isolates them. I believe that both opinions are acceptable and that you can agree or disagree with one or another according to your personal experience. On the one hand, if we want to consider the world of social networks, we can’t deny that they are a way to know other people and to socialize, even if you have to pay attention to fake identities and to ill-intentioned.(??) For example, many people find their soul mate thanks to social networks. On the other hand, it’s also true that an excessive use of the Internet can lead to isolation and to the creation of imaginary worlds. There are a lot of people that lose contact with the real world; they isolate themselves from their family, friends, and build a virtual identity, becoming alienated. The isolation can be the result of a rejection of reality, maybe because it’s too difficult to face, and so people protect themselves by choosing an alternative way of living. There are lot of cases of people who have completely lost their mind believing that they are a video-game character or an individual from another world.

The majority of people tend to condemn the Internet as the cause of the most common problems which affect our society, such as: the loss of dialogue in families, the constant need to record every single moment of the day, the quest for popularity. I believe that it’s not fair to judge the Internet so harshly, especially in the current situation. Indeed, I often reflect on the power of the new technologies that allow us to: remain in contact with our family, friends; to relax watching a film or a TV series; to study, thanks to specific applications; to play; to listen to music and so on. To conclude, I would like to highlight something that is particularly important: anything that is done excessively can be dangerous, so I recommend moderate usage of the Internet. Be careful!