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*Complete this article from a magazine. Put in the to-infinitive or ing-form of these verbs: accept, argue, be, find, have, insist, lose, plug, repair, say, take, wait.*

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*I don't want to risk upsetting Vicky.*

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*The band happened to finish playing.*