Verbs Complementation Exercise

Different kinds of verbs can be followed by different kinds of words and structures. Sometimes, this is a matter of meaning. Sometimes it is a matter of grammatical rules.

Fill in the blanks

1. Why are you .................. me like that?
   looking
   look at
   looking at

2. I would like you to .................. this story.
   listen
   listen to
   hear to

3. Let’s ................... your plans.
   talk
   talk about
   Either could be used here

4. Let’s ................... your plans.
   discuss
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discuss about
Either could be used here

5. She ..................... the station last night.
arrived
arrived at
arrived on

playing
to play
to playing
play

7. I suggest .................... an attorney.
you to consult
that you consult
to consult
that you to consult

8. The police believe .................... to be
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dangerous.

he
him

9. I would like you to explain ......................

us your decision
your decision to us
your decision us

10. Can you suggest .........................?

me a good cardiologist
a good cardiologist to me

11. Please describe .........................

us your new job
your new job us
your new job to us

12. He fell .........................

the ladder off
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off the ladder

Answers

1. Why are you looking at me like that?
2. I would like you to listen to this story.
3. Let’s talk about your plans.
4. Let’s discuss your plans.
5. She arrived at the station last night.
7. I suggest that you see an attorney.
8. The police believe him to be dangerous.
9. I would like you to explain your decision to us.
10. Can you suggest a good cardiologist to me?
11. Please describe your new job to us.
12. He fell off the ladder.