

Gerunds and Infinitives – Advanced 1 and 2

Circle the correct answer.

1. Lilian said I should _____ yoga to relieve stress.
a. doing b. do c. to do
2. I learned how to cook by _____ my mother in the kitchen.
a. watching b. to watch c. watch
3. Alex dreads _____ to retire.
a. to have b. having c. have
4. Mr Davis was accused of _____ classified information to the press.
a. leaking b. to leak c. leak
5. You'll be able _____ it yourself when you are older.
a. doing b. do c. to do
6. The children are anxious _____ to the circus.
a. go b. to go c. going
7. The manager let Jane _____ early as she had a doctor's appointment.
a. to go b. going c. go
8. I decided not _____ this contest.
a. entering b. to enter c. enter
9. My parents do not allow me _____ out late.
a. going b. to go c. go
10. Vivian can't help _____ about her children.
a. worrying b. to worry c. worry
11. I don't want _____ such a decision right now.
a. making b. make c. to make
12. People sitting in front of me in the movie theater kept _____ loudly.
a. talking b. to talk c. talk
13. _____ a second language takes time and practice.
a. Master b. To master c. Mastering
14. The horses struggled _____ the carriage out of the mud.
a. pull b. to pull c. pulling
15. Bob and Tina arranged _____ outside the movie theater.
a. meet b. meeting c. to meet
16. If you know how, it is easy _____ in water for a long time.
a. to float b. floating c. float
17. I don't blame you for not _____ to go to that boring meeting.

- a. wanting b. want c. to want
18. I've given up _____ to learn how to skate.
a. trying b. to try c. try
19. I was relieved _____ out that I had passed the exam.
a. to find b. finding c. find
20. I appreciate _____ able to study in peace and quiet.
a. be b. to be c. being
21. My teacher insisted on _____ up all the trash, even if it wasn't ours.
a. cleaning b. clean c. to clean
22. Monica's parents forbid her _____ in the street because there's too much traffic.
a. playing b. to play c. play
23. Everyone in the neighbourhood participated in _____ for the lost child.
a. to search b. searching c. search
24. Our teacher encourages us _____ a dictionary to check the spelling of difficult words.
a. check b. checking c. to check
25. She learned _____ students with respect.
a. to treat b. treating c. treat
26. How dare you _____ my purse!
a. to open b. opening c. open
27. She left the room without _____ Bryan a chance to explain everything.
a. to give b. give q c. giving
28. I wanted to go to France. Paul suggested _____ to Hawaii.
a. go b. to go c. going
29. Grandma seems _____ in good mood today.
a. be b. being c. to be
30. My friend offered _____ some money to me.
a. loan b. to loan c. loaning
31. She tried to make me _____ that she was my mother.
a. to believe b. believe c. believing
32. He refused _____ me what the fuss was about.
a. to tell b. telling c. tell
33. By _____ day and night she managed to finish her project on time.
a. to work b. work c. working
34. If you can't _____ her number, you'd better look it up.
a. remembering b. to remember c. remember

35. The police told him to stop but the robber kept _____.
a. running b. run c. to run
36. Mum advised me _____ the plane instead of driving to Texas.
a. to take b. take c. taking
37. David demanded _____ why he had been fired.
a. to know b. know c. knowing
38. In addition to _____ to school full time, I have a part-time job.
a. to go b. going c. go
39. The students are very motivated _____ English.
a. learning b. to learn c. learn
40. It's usually easier _____ language if you're in a country where it is spoken.
a. learn b. learning c. to learn
41. I couldn't help _____ when I saw the bride in a beautiful white dress.
a. to cry b. cry c. crying
42. Lisa and Nick decided _____ the wedding until August.
a. postpone b. to postpone c. postponing
43. It is difficult to get used to _____ with chopsticks.
a. to eat b. eat c. eating
44. The angry look on her face stopped me from _____ my mind.
a. speak b. speaking c. to speak
45. My little sister can't resist _____ everyone my secrets.
a. to tell b. telling c. tell
46. I am looking forward to _____ my mother's cooking at Christmas.
a. eating b. eat c. to eat
47. If you lost your key, try _____ a pin or something sharp to open the door.
a. using b. to use c. use
48. The electrician warned the kids not _____ the wire.
a. touching b. to touch c. touch
49. I avoided _____ dad the truth because I knew he would get mad.
a. to tell b. telling c. tell
50. The jury found Mr Smith guilty in _____ money from the company he worked for.
a. taking b. to take c. take

Complete the text with gerunds, to-infinitives and bare infinitives.

I have always enjoyed _____ (fish). When I was younger, I used to go _____ (fish) with my uncle at weekends. We loved _____ (walk) out into the country and _____ (find) a quiet spot to sit down and spend the day.

Now I try _____ (go) out at least once a month. Last summer, I decided _____ (have) a trip to the Caribbean where I could _____ (do) some game fishing. I wanted _____ (try) something different and expected _____ (enjoy) the experience very much.

I thought it would be better _____ (take) an organised trip, so I arranged this as soon as I arrived. My guide suggested _____ (look) for some marlin and promised _____ (find) the best place.

The first day I went out was very warm. Soon we arrived in an area where the fish loved _____ (swim). Suddenly, a marlin jumped out of water. I remember _____ (feel) very excited. It was huge.

My guide decided _____ (follow) it and didn't mind _____ (let) him _____ (make) this decision. He showed me where to cast and how to attract the fish. Eventually, I hooked it but it was much stronger than anything I had ever had on my line before. I expected _____ (have) a long and difficult fight and I was right!

What seemed like hours, the marlin finally started _____ (weaken). After a huge battle, I finally managed _____ (land) this enormous fish. It was one of the best experiences of my life.

I love _____ (have) this experience and would _____ (suggest) _____ (do) it to anyone who loves _____ (go) _____ (fish).

For each question, choose either 'work', 'to work' or 'working' to fill each space.

1. When I finish university, I want _____ in Europe for six months.
2. I don't think children under 16 should _____.
3. My sister decided to take a job in the summer _____ in the local cinema to earn some extra money.
4. Would you like _____ on your own or as part of a team?
5. _____ late at night always reminds me of when I was at university.
6. After _____ all day long, I like to come home and have a long hot bath.
7. It's difficult _____ in an office, especially if it's too hot and the windows are never open.
8. I can _____ on this project alone if you give me some initial guidance.
9. My boss is a monster. He made me _____ till 8 pm on Friday evening.
10. I enjoy _____ but I prefer not to overdo it.
11. I would _____ in computer programming for nothing. I love it.
12. Seeing as you have missed the last two weeks because of illness, you should offer _____ over this weekend at home.

Gerund, To-Infinitive or Bare Infinitive

1. Mrs Brown threatened _____ (call) the police.
2. We were so used to _____ (live) in cold weather that we were always hot in other places.
3. Don't forget _____ (close) the gas before leaving.
4. The teenager denied _____ (steal) the car in the car park.
5. Many people enjoy _____ (travel) abroad for summer.
6. Though very quietly, they were heard _____ (go) upstairs.
7. Jeff never talks about _____ (leave) his job.
8. We were the first _____ (arrive) but the seats were taken.
9. I talked to Andrew and advised him _____ (see) a doctor.
10. I will never forget _____ (dance) waltz on the ship.
11. I'm not interested in _____ (take) that test. I'd surely fail.
12. Why don't you let me _____ (explain) to you?
13. We stopped _____ (have) a drink and then kept on _____ (move).
14. We meant _____ (get) to the station before noon, but couldn't.
15. Living abroad means _____ (adapt) yourself to another culture.
16. The pilot meant _____ (land) when he saw the lights, but he didn't usually

- _____ (fly) and we saw him _____ (fall) a little later.
17. African people are used to _____ (walk) barefoot, so they get very rough skin.
18. Tigers are some of the hardest animals _____ (see). In the jungle you have
_____ (use) elephants to see them.
19. He will never _____ (understand) you in Greek. Why don't you try
_____ (speak) to him in Spanish?
20. We were thinking of _____ (move) to another flat. Our neighbours don't let us
_____ (sleep) with all their loud music.
21. They advised me _____ (buy) a fast computer, so I asked my brother
_____ (bring) me some leaflets.
22. Have you ever seen anybody _____ (throw) a boomerang?
23. I remember _____ (put) the papers somewhere on the table.
24. I have an important thing _____ (tell) you before giving you this ring.
25. I'm really looking forward to _____ (taste) one of those cakes of yours.
26. She remembers _____ (go) out of school and _____ (have) tea with
her friends. She really used _____ (live) a very simple life as a child.
27. Why don't you stop _____ (treat) me like a child?