

EXERCISE 1

Fill in the blank spaces with the gerund, infinitive with to or infinitive without to of the verb in brackets.

1. John was surprised (get/ to get /getting) Ann's letter.
2. Eve isn't interested in (teach/ to teach/ teaching) young children.
3. The sea wasn't warm enough (to swim/ swimming) in.
4. Our teacher let us (to talk/ talk / talking) for the last ten minutes of the lesson.
5. I enjoy (to talk/ talking/ talk) to intelligent people.
6. I think you waste too much time (watch/ to watch/ watching) television.
7. Matthew denied (steal/ to steal/ stealing) the money.
8. I'd rather (read/to read/ reading) a true story than a silly love story.
9. My father has finished (mend/ to mend/ mending) the car.
10. Our teacher made me (answer/ to answer / answering) all the questions.
11. It's worth (go/ to go / going) to see that new film.
12. Archie is too fat (climb/ to climb/ climbing) the tall tree.
13. David refused (eat/ to eat/ eating) all his potatoes.
14. Jane decided (tell/ to tell/ telling) George everything.
15. We are looking forward to (read/to read /reading) your new book.
16. Would you like (go / to go / going) to Cindy's house next Saturday?
17. Would you mind (shut/ shutting/ to shut) the window? I hate (sit / to sit / sitting) in a draught.
18. I can't bear (do / to do / doing) homework on Saturdays.
19. It's no use (take/ to take / taking) the exam if you haven't studied.
20. If you can't (remember / to remember/ remembering) his number you'd better (look / to look / looking) it up.
21. Why do you keep (ask/ to ask / asking) me the same question over and over again?
22. I wish you would consider (accept / to accept / accepting) my proposal.
23. Janet intends (fix / to fix / fixing) her bicycle herself.
24. Will you help me (move / to move / moving) the bookcase?
25. I love (walk / to walk / walking) on the beach during a light rain.

EXERCISE 2

Choose and circle the correct verb.

1. I must remember *inviting*/to *invite* George to my party.
2. Henry tried *eating* / to *eat* salt with his apple but it tasted horrible.
3. I regret *telling* / to *tell* you that I won't be able to come. Maybe next time.
4. Joe forgot *locking*/to *lock* the door last night.
5. They stopped *singing* / to *sing* to listen the news broadcast.
6. That house looks awful. It needs *painting* / to *paint*.
7. They don't allow *parking* / to *park* in front of the building.
8. Stella remembered *meeting* / to *meet* Fay at the lift because they were both late.

9. Ann tried *climbing/to climb* the tree but she couldn't.
10. As I was going home, I stopped *having / to have* a look in a shop window.
11. You'll never regret *doing / to do* a kind action.
12. Sorry - I didn't mean *interrupting/to interrupt* you.
13. I'll never forget *meeting / to meet* the Queen.
14. I'm in a difficult position. What do you advise me *doing / to do*?
15. I saw Mary *crossing/cross* the road and disappearing I disappear into the post office.
16. Please go on *writing / to write*, I don't mind waiting/to wait.
17. I need a change. I need *going / to go* away for a while.
18. She stopped *talking / to talk* about that and went on *describing / to describe* her other problem.
19. I looked out of the window and saw Dan *riding/ride* his bike along the road.
20. I heard the bomb *exploding/ explode*.
21. Can you smell something *burning/burn*?
22. As I passed his house I heard him *practicing/practice* the piano.
23. Dad allowed Dora *going / to go* to the party.
24. We listened to the old man *saying/say* his story from the beginning to end.
25. The doctor advised Carmen *taking / to take* more exercise.

EXERCISE 3

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

1. Don't forget (lock/ to lock/ locking) the door before (go / to go / going) to bed.
2. I tried (explain/ to explain / explaining) but he refused (listen/ to listen /listening) and went on (complain/ to complain/ complaining)
3. Your windows need (clean/ to clean / cleaning) would you like me (do / to do /doing) them for you?
4. He heard the clock (strike/ to strike / striking) six and knew that it was time for him (get / to get/ getting) up.
5. After walking for three hours we stopped (let / to let / letting) the others (catch/ to catch/ catching) up with us.
6. His doctor advised him (give / to give / giving) up (jog/ to jog/ jogging)
7. I didn't feel like (work / to work/ working) so I suggested (spend / to spend / spending) the day in the garden.
8. Most people prefer (spend/ to spend /spending) money to (earn/ to earn / earning) it.
9. Do you remember (read/ to read /reading) about it? No, at that time I was too young (read/to read/ reading) newspaper.
10. Please stop (cry/ to cry/ crying) . I hate (see/ to see/ seeing) a woman (cry/ to cry/ crying)
11. I catch him (climb/ to climb /climbing) over my wall. I asked him (explain / to explain / explaining) but he refused (say / to say / saying) anything.

12. Do you expect (pass / to pass / passing) this course? If so, you'd better (work / to work / working) harder.
13. You don't need (ask / to ask / asking) his permission every time you want (leave / to leave / leaving) the room.
14. Before he let us (go / to go / going) he made us (promise/ to promise / promising) (not tell/ not to tell/ not telling) anybody what happened.
15. Try (avoid/ to avoid / avoiding) be / to be / being) late. He hates being kept (wait / to wait / waiting)
16. We considered (drive / to drive / driving) to New York, but at last we decided (fly / to fly / flying)
17. They agreed (spend / to spend / spending) 10,000 (rebuild / rebuilding / to rebuild) the hall.
18. I don't mind (stay / to stay / staying) home, but I'd rather (go / to go going) out tonight.
19. They begin (encourage/ to encourage / encouraging) younger people (quit / to quit / quitting) smoke/ to smoke / smoking)
20. After (play/ to play / playing) with his toys for about half an hour, the boy started (cry / to cry / crying) loudly.