Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Maria loves (swim) _____ in the ocean.

2. After a brief interruption, the professor continued (lecture)_____

3. I hate (see) _____ any living being suffer. I can't bear (watch) _____ news reports of children who are starving. I can't stand (read) _____ about animals that have been cruelly abused by people.

4. I 'm afraid of flying. When a plane begins (move) _____ down the runway, my heart starts (race) _____ . Uh-oh! The plane is beginning (move) _____, and my heart is starting (race)_____

5. When I travel, I prefer (drive) _____ to (take)_____ a plane.

6. I prefer (drive) _____ rather than (take) _____ a plane.

7. I regret (inform) _____ you that your loan application has not been approved.

8. I regret (listen, not) _____ to my father's advice. He was right.

9. When a student asks a question, the teacher always tries (explain) _____ the problem as clearly as possible.

10. I tried everything, but the baby still wouldn't stop (cry)_____

Complete each sentence with an appropriate form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Mary reminded me (be, not) not to be_____late for the meeting.

2. I've volunteered (help) _____ at the local school during my time off and (paint) _____ the lunchroom.

3. We discussed (quit) _____ our jobs and (open) _____ our own business.

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4. I'm getting tired. I need (take) _____ a break.

5. Sometimes students avoid (look) _____at the teacher if they don't want (answer) _____ a question.

6. Most children prefer (watch) _____ television to (listen) _____ to the radio.

7. The taxi driver refused (take) _____ a check. He wanted the passenger (pay) _____ cash.

8. The travel agent advised us (wait, not) _____ until August and (make) _____ a reservation.

9. Keep (talk)_____ I'm listening to you.

10. Linda offered (water) _____ my plants while I was out of town.

11. Igor suggested (go) _____(ski) _____ in the mountains this weekend. How does that sound to you?

12. The doctor ordered Mr. Gray (smoke, not)_____

13. Don't tell me his secret. I prefer (know, not)_____

14. Toshi was allowed (renew) _____ his student visa.

15. Don't forget (tell) ._____ Jane (call) ___ _____ me about (go) _____ (swim) tomorrow.

16. Sally reminded me (ask)_____ you (tell) _____ Bob (remember) _____ (bring) _____ his soccer ball to the picnic.

17. Recently, Jo has been spending most of her time (do) _____ research for a book on pioneer women.

18. The little boy had a lot of trouble (convince) _____ anyone he had seen a mermaid.

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Choose the correct form of the verbs in italics. In some sentences, both verbs are correct.

1. Hassan volunteered **bringing / to bring** some food to the reception.

2. The students practiced **pronouncing / to pronounce** the "th" sound in the phrase "these thirty-three dirty trees."

3. In the fairy tale, the wolf threatened **eating / to eat** a girl named Little Red Riding Hood.

4. The movers struggled **lifting / to lift** the piano up the stairs.

5. Anita demanded **knowing / to know** why she had been fired.

6. My skin can't tolerate **being / to be** in the sun all day. I get sunburned easily.

7. Mr. Kwan broke the antique vase. I'm sure he didn't **mean doing / to do** it.

8. Fred Washington claims **being / to be** a descendant of George Washington.

9. Linda failed **passing / to pass** the entrance exam.

10. I hate **getting / to get** to work late.

11. I can't bear **seeing / to see** animals suffer.

12. Ming Wan just started a new business. He risks **losing / to lose** everything if it doesn't succeed.

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Complete each sentence with an appropriate form of the verb in parentheses.

1. How did you manage (find) _____to find_____ out about the surprise party?

2. I think Sam deserves (have) _____another chance.

3. Olga finally admitted (be) _____responsible for the problem.

4. Mrs. Freeman can't help (worry) _____ about her children.

5. Children, I forbid you (play) _____in the street. There's too much traffic.

6. Lori suggested (leave) _____ around six. Is that too early for you?

7. I urged Omar (return) _____to school and (finish) _____ his education.

8. Oscar keeps (hope) _____ and (pray) _____ that things will get better.

9. Nadia keeps (promise) _____ (visit) _____ us, but she never does.

10. My little cousin is a blabbermouth! He can't resist (tell) _____everyone my secrets!

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