

Gerund-To Infinitive-Infinitive

Gerund and to infinitive verbs that can have infinitive or gerund objects, but with a difference in meaning:

Verb	Gerund	To-infinitive
1. to remember	Do it, then be aware of it	Think about it, and then do it
2. to forget	Not remember doing sth	Not remember to do sth
3. to regret	Do it, then feel bad	Feel bad, but then do it.
4. to try	Do sth as an experiment or test	Make an effort to do sth
5. to stop	To give up an action	To end an action to begin another

Exercise 1: Supply the correct form of the word in brackets.

- My brother stopped (go)to the youth club because he is very busy.
- She was late because she stopped (help)some children cross the street.
- Where are the keys? I remember (lay)..... them on this table this morning.
- Remember (visit) me when you come here.
- I am sorry I have forgotten (do)..... what you said to me this morning.
- I will never forget (work)..... with you. You have helped me a lot.
- I regret (go)out last night.
- I regret (inform).....you that your application hasn't been accepted.
- When I arrived, he was trying (start) his new car, there was something wrong with the machine. He even tried (work).....it downhill twice, but that didn't work either.
- I've lost my keys. Have you remembered (see)..... them today?
- He gave up (gamble).....
- Try to avoid (make)..... him angry.
- Stop (argue)..... and start (work).....
- The children prefer (watch) TV to (read).....
- I am against (make)..... any complaints.
- It's no use (cry)..... over spilt milk.
- I suggest (hold)..... another meeting next week.
- He finished (speak)..... and sat down.
- He was fined for (drive)..... without lights.
- It's difficult to get used to (eat)..... with chopsticks.

Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer.

- My father usually helps me _____ English.
a. to learn b. learn c. learning d. both a and b
- He was heard _____ shout.
a. to b. of c. by d. at
- This student expected _____ the first winner of the Grand Prix.
a. be b. being c. to be d. will be
- I told her _____ about her wedding; everything will be straighten out.
a. don't worry b. not to worry c. no worry d. not worry
- May I suggest you let _____
a. Mary doing so b. Mary do so c. Mary does to d. Mary to do so

6. She _____ him when he called her.
a. pretended not hear b. pretended she heard not
c. pretended not to hear d. did not pretend hear
7. The doctor advised _____ late.
a. me not staying up b. me not stay up c. me not to stay up d. I did not stay up
8. The school superintendent (nguoì trong nom) told me _____.
a. hurrying up b. to hurry up c. hurry up d. hurried up
9. “_____ us face the enemies”, shouted the soldiers.
a. Make b. Let c. Leave d. Keep
10. Mr. Brown told the schoolgirls _____ in class.
a. don’t eat b. not to eat c. eat not d. not eat
11. I have heard Dang Thai Son _____ the piano.
a. played b. plays c. play d. to play
12. The young teachers wanted a Foreign Language Teaching workshop _____ in Ho Chi Minh City.
a. to be holding b. should hold c. to be held d. to hold
13. _____ able to take part in the international math contest two years from now, Son works very hard in his math lass.
a. In order to be b. Being c. Been d. So that he be
14. Try _____ so many mistakes.
a. not to make b. not make c. to make not d. make not
15. Let me _____ from you soon.
a. to hear b. hear c. hearing d. heard
16. John is too stupid _____ understand this.
a. to b. not to c. to not d. for
17. The wind is _____ to blow the roof off.
a. strong enough b. too strong c. quiet strong d. very strong
18. My father is _____ to stay up late.
a. too tired b. enough tired c. tired enough d. so tired
19. John wanted me _____ him.
a. to be helping b. help c. to help d. I help
20. I want _____ early tomorrow morning.
a. to leave b. leaving c. me leave d. me leaving
21. I hope _____.
a. to see you there b. seeing you there c. you to see there d. see you there
22. I taught _____.
a. how mending a shirt b. him how to mend a shirt
c. how mend a shirt d. him how mend a shirt
23. I told _____.
a. Nam to come b. to come Nam c. to Nam come d. Nam come
24. My father has decided _____ a new house.
a. find b. to find c. finding d. him find
25. Mother warned _____ the electric plug
a. her not to touch b. her touching not c. her not touch d. not touch
26. Don’t tell Tan because I don’t want _____

- a. him to know b. know c. him know d. knowing
27. She explained _____
- a. how to make it b. me how to make it c. me to make it d. me make it
28. Miss Brown told Mary _____ down.
- a. sit b. to sit c. sitting d. sat
29. She told Mary _____ up hope.
- a. not give b. do not give c. not to give d. to give not
30. Michael Faraday wrote a letter to Sir Humphry Davy _____ for work.
- a. asked b. to ask c. so to ask d. in order to asking
31. Do you know _____ to play that game now?
- a. way b. what c. if d. how
32. She is very glad _____ see you again.
- a. in b. with c. to d. for
33. He noticed two thieves _____ out of a shop.
- a. to come b. are coming c. in coming d. come
34. When will he be allowed to go home? When will they _____?
- a. let him go b. let to go c. leave him to go d. leave him
35. The guide encouraged the tourists _____ the Prado Museum Madrid
- a. visit b. to visit c. visiting d. to visiting
36. Now that were finished painting the house, there's nothing left _____
- a. done b. did c. to do d. for doing
37. The superintendent promised to tear down and _____ the fire damaged school building.
- a. rebuild b. to rebuild c. rebuilding d. to rebuilding
38. The mechanic needs _____ a new muffler (bo giam thanh) on your car.
- a. to put b. putting c. to be put d. to putting
39. Our house needs _____
- a. to paint b. to be painting c. to be paint d. painting
40. Do you want _____ by the doctor?
- a. to examine b. to be examined c. being examined d. being to examine

Exercise 3: Gerund or Infinitive – Fill in the correct form.

1. I can't imagine _____ at home. (work)
2. We have decided against _____ a new car. (buy)
3. She seems _____ her new job. (like)
4. The students hope _____ the exam. (pass)
5. He won't go by plane. He is afraid of _____. (fly)
6. I am lazy. I don't feel like _____ any work. (do)
7. Remember _____ the letter. Otherwise they won't get it by Saturday. (post)
8. Have you ever learned how _____ such a plane? (fly)
9. They were too lazy _____ out with us. (go)
10. I always enjoy _____ to my grandfather. He always tells me great stories. (talk)
11. I'm very interested in _____ French. (learn)
12. My pen friend is coming next Friday. I'm really looking forward _____ her. (meet)
13. Don't you mind _____ away from your family for such a long time? (be)
14. The children promised _____ back by 9. (be)

15. I wanted to go alone but Joe insisted on _____ with me. (come)
16. Tom offered _____ me home. (bring)
17. Why not _____ a weekend in Scotland? (spend)
18. I'm sorry I can't come to your party but thank you for _____ me. (invite)
19. Our neighbors apologized for _____ such noise. (make)
20. Paris is always worth _____ to. (travel)
21. I'm sure I gave him back the money. I remember _____ it back to him. (give)
22. She eventually managed _____ her bike. (repair)
23. Would you like _____ a cup of coffee? (drink)
24. There's no point in _____ the matter. He has already made his decision.(discuss)
25. I prefer _____ to skiing. (snowboard)
26. Do you mind _____ Anita to the doctor? (bring)
27. It is difficult _____ him. (understand)
28. We had difficulties _____ your house. (find)
29. They decided _____ Tennis in the afternoon. (play)
30. We expect him _____ us on Sunday. (join)

The end