

DAY 72. REVIEW GERUNDS & INFINITIVES

Task A

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 The pilot decided _____ [delay] take off due to adverse weather conditions.
- 2 The main role of a dietician is to advise patients on how best _____ (lose) weight in a safe and sensible way.
- 3 Would moving abroad mean _____ (sell) your house before you leave?
- 4 Angela was upset _____. (omit) from the short list of candidates for the science prize.
- 5 In your opinion, would it be beneficial _____ (conduct) more research into this phenomenon?
- 6 Matthew doesn't want to travel this year. He would rather _____ (complete) his bachelor's degree first.
- 7 After walking for a very long time, the hikers stopped _____ (take) a rest.
- 8 I can't help _____. (choose) as school representative; it was the head teacher's decision, so you needn't be jealous.
- 9 Max caught his little brother _____. (look) through his desk drawers and demanded to know what he was doing.
- 10 The theft of expensive equipment from the laboratory seems _____ (go on) for quite some time.

Task B

Read the article and circle the correct words.

Asthma

It is estimated that asthma affects more than 300 million people around the world. Derived from a Greek word meaning 'to have difficulty (1) to breathe / breathing', asthma is a chronic respiratory disease. Common symptoms are wheezing, coughing and an inability (2) to breathe / breathing properly.

Our lungs are made up of thousands of tubes called 'airways'. In asthma sufferers, the lining of the airways is very sensitive and they become inflamed and swollen. This swelling reduces the space inside the airways, making it difficult (3) to breathe / breathe. A number of factors can cause the airways to become inflamed; (4) to smoke / smoking, dust, damp and chemicals are just some of the things which can (5) be trigger / trigger an asthma attack.

In the past, doctors believed that there was nothing (6) to be done / being done about the condition, but modern medicine has made huge advances in the treatment of asthma. Asthmatics can learn how (7) to control / control their symptoms. They become aware of allergens which will provoke an attack and do their best to avoid (8) to be exposed / being exposed to those triggers. Sadly, for animal lovers, doctors usually recommend (9) to get / getting rid of household pets such as cats and dogs, which can cause an allergic reaction. In addition, using the correct medication allows sufferers (10) live / to live active, normal lives.

Task C

Complete the sentences with the correct form of these verbs.

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- 1 John is often exhausted; his willingness _____ everyone means he says yes to everything.
- 2 If significant progress is not made shortly, the government will cease _____ this project and it will have to be abandoned.
- 3 I'm afraid I can't justify _____ such a large amount of money on a phone.
- 4 It was very foolish of Marcus _____ to his teacher so rudely. I'm not surprised he got into trouble.
- 5 Our neighbours struggle _____ their monthly bills and they are contemplating selling their house.
- 6 Although he's a famous actor, he doesn't like all the publicity and hates _____ by the paparazzi.
- 7 I don't understand why we should risk _____ such a large amount of money.
- 8 _____ information of a sensitive nature was very irresponsible of your lawyer.

Task D

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

- 1 Somebody saw the suspect leave by the side entrance.

SEEN

The suspect _____ by the side entrance.

- 2 Dad can't buy this iPhone because it's far too expensive.

AFFORD

Dad _____ this iPhone.

- 3 Wendy, would you like to join me for dinner tonight?

FANCY

Wendy, _____ to dinner with me tonight?

- 4 I've been driving for three hours; you can take over now.

YOUR

It's _____ now.

- 5 Go on – knock on the door and run away!

DARE

I _____ on the door and run away!

- 6 I wish I had spent my holiday by the sea.

SOONER

I _____ my holiday by the sea.

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the conversation or sentence.

1 My parents resent ___ so much time online.
a spending me
b my spending
c me to spend
d that I spend

2 We listened to the rain ___ down on the roof and were glad to be warm and dry indoors.
a drumming
b to be drumming
c that it drummed
d to drum

3 'How did you manage to miss your flight?'
'We had aimed ___ at the airport in plenty of time, but we got stuck in traffic.'
a arriving
b to have arrived
c to arrive
d to arriving

4 Something must ___ about the terrible state of the school toilets. They're a disgrace!
a to be done b be doing
c be done d have been done

5 'How long should I bake the garlic bread for?'
'You only need to pop it in the oven for five minutes before it's ready ___.'
a to be served b to serving
c served d being served

6 Harold begged ___ his parents the truth.
a me don't tell b my not telling
c not to tell d me not to tell

7 The local gym neglected ___ us that the classes this Saturday had been cancelled.
a informing b to be informed
c inform d to inform

8 Do you think Marios will perform well enough ___ the school at the county championships?
a to be representing b to represent
c representing d to have represent

9 ___ to your health problems is a bad idea. You need to start taking care of yourself.
a Not have faced up b Not facing up
c Not having faced up d To face up not

10 'My laptop has just frozen and nothing's working!'
'Try ___ the battery out for a minute or two and then re-start it.'
a you taking b take
c to take d taking

11 I simply won't tolerate ___ to me in that manner.
a you to talk
b you talking
c talking
d you to talking

12 'The printer ink needs _____. Do you know how to do it?'
'Yes, it's quite easy actually.'
a replacing
b to replace
c being replaced
d you replace it

13 'Bethany looked a bit upset. Is she OK?'
'No, she isn't. I ___ crying her eyes out in the girls' toilets.'
a found she
b found her
c found
d found her to be

14 The coach urged ___ a special effort during the second half of the match.
a to make his players b making his players
c his players making d his players to make

15 'Do you think your boss will let you ___ some time off next week?'
'I'm not sure, but I'll certainly ask.'
a taking b to take
c take d to taking

16 It's no use ___ with her – she won't listen.
a arguing b to argue
c that you argue d to be arguing

17 We regret ___ passengers that all flights have been cancelled due to bad weather.
a informing b having informed
c to inform d to informing

18 Matthew's determination ___ against all the odds is an inspiration to us all.
a to succeed b succeeding
c to be succeed d his succeeding

19 Danielle was relieved ___ that she had passed her exams with flying colours!
a finding out b to find out
c to finding out d find out

20 Any leftover plastic cups, plates and bowls ___ to the store cupboard.
a are to be returned b to return
c are to return d must be returning