Listen/hear.

1. I'm terribly sorry but I _____ what you said just mow and I wonder if you could repeat it.

a. wasn't listening to b. don't hear c. didn't hear. d. wasn't hearing.

2. I _____ attentively to the lecture on philosophy but I didn't understand much of it.

a. was hearing b. was listening c. heard d. listened.

3. Can you _____ me all right over there because you are rather a long way away?

a. listen b. hear c. listening d. hearing

4. I _____ what you are saying but still that doesn't make me want to change my mind one little bit.

a. am hearing b. hear c. am listening d. listen

5. I _____ to the concert every Monday on the radio and I imagine I am there listening to it in person.

a. hear b. listen c. am listening d. am hearing

6. I should explain that he finds it very difficult to follow your conversation because he is very hard of _____ .

a. listening b. hearing c. to hear d. to listen to.

7. Now will you please _____ to me and pay attention to what I am saying and because it's very important.

a. listen b. listening to c. hear d. hearing

8. You've been making so much noise with your music that people at the far end of the road can _____ you.

a. listen to b. listening to c. hearing d. hear

9. He sometimes pretends he can't _____ a single word you are saying, but all the time he is taking it all in.

a. hearing b. listen to c. hear d. listening

10. I've been _____ strange stories about you recently but I do hope that there is no substance in them.

a. heard b. hearing c. listen to d. listened

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Finish/end

1. The brothers will _____ school both together at the end of the year.

a. end b. finish c. finishes d. ends.

2. They wanted their daughter to improve her social skills and sent her to the famous _____ school in Switzerland.

a. finishes b. ends c. finishing d. ending

3. You can't miss it. It's that tall building right at the _____ of the road.

a. ends b. finish c. end d. finishes.

4. Sadly their marriage of 25 years _____ of divorce.

a. ends b. finished c. ended d. finishing.

5. It didn't take long for the children to _____ off the cakes and pastries that had not been eaten at the party.

a. end b. finish c. finishing d. ending.

6. He thought they would all share the cost of the meal but unfortunately he _____ paying for everybody.

a. finish b. end c. finished d. ended.

7. After the children had _____ their homework, the whole family watched the television.

a. ended b. finished c. ends d. finishes.

8. You could tell the time by him because he always _____ work at exactly the same time every day.

a. ended b. finished c. finishes d. ends

9. I have written practically the whole book except for the last part I just don't know how to _____ the story.

a. finishing b. end c. finish d. ending.

10. To most people it seemed like a long and successful relationship and so it was a great surprise to learn that they had _____ with each other.

a. finished b. ended c. finishes d. ends.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Start/ begin.

1. I _____ my car to make sure it worked ten minutes before I drove to work.

a. started b. begin c. start d. began.

2. My car very rarely _____ first time when the weather is really cold.

a. starts b. begins c. beginning d. starting.

3. We ____ off early on the first day of summer so that we could see the sun rise.

a. starting b. beginning c. started d. began.

4. I read the _____ of that book I couldn't possibly read the whole story.

a. beginning b. start c. starting d. begin

5. I can't _____ to understand why anyone would want to be cruel to animals.

a. start b. starts c. begins d. begin

6. He _____ off at me again simply because I had forgotten to lock the back door after I came home.

a. starts b. begun c. started d. began

7. I won a lot of money by betting on that horse but it was simply a case of _____ luck.

a. starter's b. starts c. beginning's d. beginner's

8. As far as I was concerned when the accident happened, it was the _____ of the end.

a. begin b. beginning c. starting d. start

9. Who would like to _____ off the debate?

a. start b. begin c. starting d. begins.

10. I would greatly appreciate it if you didn't _____ up that old argument again.

a. start. b. begins. c. begin. d. starts.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Say/tell.

1. I dare _____ you are right.

a. say b. tells c. tell d. told

2. I have _____ you not to do that many times before.

a. say b. said c. tell d. told

3. They _____ they walked out of the room in total silence.

a. telling b. told c. said d. saying

4. You shouldn't take any notice of that because it is only hear _____ .

a. telling b. saying c. say d. tell

5. That's what people are always _____ .

a. saying b. say c. telling d. said

6. What I _____ and what I do is necessarily the same.

a. tell b. say c. saying d. said

7. It's no good trying to persuade me because I am not _____ a word.

a. told b. saying c. tells d. telling

8. Now that would be _____ but my lips are sealed.

a. saying b. telling c. told d. said.

9. _____ us that story again!

a. Say b. Tells c. Said d. Tell

10. I'm afraid I can't _____ for sure but I think it's safe.

a. telling b. says c. say d. tell

11. I dare _____ you're right.

a. tell b. tells c. say d. told.

12. I've _____ you not to do that many times before.

a. told b. says c. saying d. said.

13. That _____, they walked out of the room in total silence.

a. telling b. said c. saying d. told.

14. You shouldn't take any notice of that because it's only hear _____.

a. telling b. says c. say d. tells.

15. That's what people are always _____ .

a. said b. say c. saying d. telling.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

16. What I _____ and what I do are not necessarily the same.

a. saying b. say c. tell d. said.

17. It's no good trying to persuade me because I'm not _____ a word.

a. saying b. telling c. told d. tells.

18. Now that would be _____ but my lips are sealed.

a. told b. saying c. telling d. said.

19. _____ us that story again!

a. Tell b. Say c. Tells d. Says.

20. I'm afraid I can't _____ for sure but I think it is safe.

a. said b. says c. say d. telling.

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