

GRAMMAR PRACTICE UNIT 3-4

Unit 4 – Gerund/ to infinitive

Exercise 1: Decide if the Gerund in the following sentences used as a subject, object or as a complement?

1. Swimming is great fun.	6. Climbing can be dangerous.
2. She hates staying out at night.	7. Doing housework is boring.
3. Fishing is my hobby.	8. My favourite activity is using my computer.
4. Smoking is bad for your health.	9. Why don't you like ironing?
5. Do you enjoy cooking?	10. What he really likes is going on foot.

Exercise 2: Choose the best answer in brackets.

1. Remember (checking/ to check) your answer before handing in your exam paper.
2. I remember (putting/ to put) the money in the top drawer, but it's not there now.
3. He needs (working/ to work) harder if he wants to make progress.
4. It's difficult problem. It needs (thinking/ to think) about very carefully.
5. I think Nam meant (breaking/ to break) that glass. It didn't look like an accident.
6. If we want to get there by 7.00, that means (getting/ to get) up before 5.00.
7. Can you help me (getting/ to get) the dinner ready?
8. He looks so funny. Whenever I see him, I can't help (smiling/ to smile).
9. I advise (taking/ to take) more exercise.
10. I'd advise you (taking/ to take) more exercise.

Exercise 3: Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. It was very dangerous. We couldn't risk _____ her alone.	A. leave	B. leaving	C. to leave	D. left
2. I had the roof _____ yesterday.	A. to repair	B. repaired	C. repairing	D. repair
3. We let our son _____ up late at weekends.	A. staying	B. stay	C. to stay	D. stayed
4. The children were eager _____ their parents.	A. to see	B. see	C. seeing	D. saw
5. He'd rather _____ at home.	A. to stay	B. staying	C. stayed	D. stay
6. Nam is very humorous. His joke makes me _____ a lot.	A. laugh	B. to laugh	C. laughing	D. laughed
7. They saw him _____ the agreement.	A. sign	B. to sign	C. to signing	D. signed
8. It's necessary for her _____ back home before 10 p.m.	A. coming	B. come	C. came	D. to come
9. They would _____ go to Ho Chi Minh City by plane than travel by train.	A. like	B. rather	C. prefer	D. better
10. The boss allows _____ going home early.	A. us to go	B. us go	C. us going	D. us to going

11.1 remember _____ him in London.

A. meet B. to meet C. meeting D. to meeting

12. He avoids _____ underwear at that shop.

A. buy B. to buy C. bought D. buying

13. The girls agreed _____ the cake equally.

A. to be divided B. to divide C. dividing D. divide

14. She expected _____ for the job, but she wasn't.

A. to select B. selected C. selecting D. to be selected

15. David finished _____ his homework and then he went to the party with George and Bill.

A. do B. to be done C. to do D. doing

16. Please don't forget _____ the baby. She needs to eat every two hours.

A. feeding B. fed C. to feed D. to be fed

17. Mr. Tim wants _____ to his office.

A. that come B. you coming C. you come D. you to come

18. What about _____ for a walk?

A. go B. going C. to go D. gone

19. _____ at the audience, the contestant gave her answer with confidence.

A. Looking B. To look C. Have look D. Look

20. The thief admitted _____ the money.

A. to steal B. stealing C. have stolen D. stolen

21. She decided _____ to Ho Chi Minh city.

A. to move B. moving C. have moved D. move

22. We are very happy about your _____ all the assignments before the deadline.

A. being completed B. completed C. having completed D. to complete

23. _____ all the rules of chess, the contestants started to play the first game.

A. Learn B. To learn C. Had learned D. Having learned

24. He had better _____ this book again.

A. to reading B. to read C. read D. to having read

25. I hate _____ a child _____.

A. see/crying B. see/ cry C. seeing/ to cry D. seeing/ cry

26. The police accused him of _____ fire to the building but he denied _____ in the area on the night of the fire.

A. setting/ be B. setting/ having been C. set/ be D. set/ having been

27. Passing the kitchen, he stopped _____ a large glass of water.

A. to drink B. drink C. drinking D. to drinking

28. They stopped _____ when the teacher came in.

A. talk B. to talk C. talking D. to talking

29. I regret _____ you that the model you want is out of stock.

A. tell B. to tell C. telling D. to telling

30. I didn't regret _____ a year travelling around the world.

A. spend B. to spend C. spending D. to spending

Exercise 4: Put the verbs in the brackets in the correct form.

1. We encouraged him_(succeed in) _____(become) a top player.

2. It's no good _____(force) her to go with us.

3. I promised _____ (care) for the dog but I'm not much good at _____ (babysit).

4. The people thanked me for _____ (offer) _____ (help) them.

5. He begged her _____ (not accuse) him of _____ (ruin) her hairstyle by _____ (try) _____ (kiss) her.

6. It is not worth _____ (help) her _____ (do) the job.

7. I let my son _____ (choose) between _____ (fly) and _____ (take) the train.

8. The film was really worth _____ (see) so we made Daisy _____ (go) to the movies with us.

9. He forced us _____ (accept) his offer by _____ (raise) it by 10%.

10. Normally I enjoy _____ (go) out but today I'd prefer _____ (stay) indoors.

11. His wife promised _____ (not object) to his _____ (smoke).

12. We continued _____ (eat) after the interruption.

13. I am not in the habit of _____ (smoke) in the office.

14. Mary reminded me _____ (finish) my work on time.

15. He'd better _____ (get) used to _____ (work) harder.

16. I am capable of _____ (stand) on my head and _____ (play) the saxophone.

17. You'd better _____ (start) digging the garden.

18. I expected him _____ (pick) up these papers.

19. The Romans were quite happy about Hannibal _____ (not attack) Rome.

20. It was interesting _____ (watch) my cat _____ (play).

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Exercise 5: Decide whether the following English verbs are action verbs, state verbs, or can be both action and state verbs.

enjoy _____
weigh _____
mind _____
smell _____

play _____
matter _____
contain _____
look _____

read _____
feel _____
prefer _____
hear _____

burn _____
measure _____
agree _____
worry _____

Exercise 6: Decide whether the following sentences are correct or incorrect.

1. Are they having a wonderful time?
2. I am thinking you are a good person.
3. It is tasting good.
4. You are looking great.
5. He's been working since this morning.
6. He's having a big house.
7. The food tastes good.
8. They are looking at the photo album.
9. They are designing a robot.
10. She is liking him very much.

Exercise 7: Choose the best answer in brackets to complete the following sentences.

1. Do you _____ the answer? (depend on, know, include)
2. Tom _____ dessert every day. (has, eats, possesses)
3. I _____ good about the race's outcome, (am, were, feel)
4. She _____ her father, (imagines, resembles, walks with)
5. Do you _____ they will win? (think, involve, promise)
6. They really _____ everything you did for them, (include, appreciate, dislike)
7. I think the examiner was _____ with my speech, (involved, measured, satisfied)
8. Can you _____ the coffee brewing? (feel, smell, dislike)
9. I still _____ a lot of money on my student loans, (deserve, owe, involve)
10. You _____ more shoes than anyone else I know! (dislike, suppose, have)

Exercise 8: Put the verbs into the present simple or present continuous tense.

1. I _____ (know) the answer.
2. The boy _____ (look) at the TV now.
3. This cake _____ (taste) delicious.
4. My father _____ (not, own) a car.
5. I _____ (wear) a blue sweater today.
6. Ann _____ (seem) a little angry today.
7. Many people _____ (do) yoga in the park right now.
8. He _____ (think) that English is easy.
9. Kelly _____ (love) my brother now.
10. My sister _____ (not/talk) on the phone at the moment.

Exercise 9: the verbs in the brackets in the correct form.

1. We have taught our children _____ (wash) their hands before _____ (eat).
2. _____ (write) letters is more boring than _____ (phone).
3. Mark decided _____ (have) a break from work.
4. I refused _____ (speak) with her.
5. We agreed _____ (meet) him at the airport.
6. There is no sense in _____ (earn) more money than you can _____ (spend).
7. They made us _____ (leave) the campsite after _____ (make) such a mess.
8. Do you mind _____ (work) overtime?
9. She doesn't how _____ (fry) a steak.
10. The doctor made him _____ (promise) _____ (reduce) his _____ (smoke).
11. Don't let them _____ (cross) that dangerous road on their own.
12. What about _____ (have) a drink?
13. They accused him of _____ (break) the window.
14. They'd rather _____ (go) to Hue than to Hanoi.
15. There was a very good reason for _____ (not believe) in what she said.
16. I don't know what _____ (believe) anymore.
17. Remember _____ (phone) Sally tomorrow - OK I won't forget.

18. Most teachers insist on their students _____ (do) the homework.

19. Why not _____ (spend) our holiday in Da Lat this year?

20. She is always the last person _____ (arrive).

Exercise 10: Choose a correct preposition that goes with the verb at the end of the sentence and put them into the gaps.

1. We decided _____ the event to another country. It just wouldn't work. (move).

2. Why couldn't you prevent your dog _____ my steak? (eat)

3. What are the advantages _____ a house (buy)?

4. Forget _____ Jenny to come with US. She's with Tom this weekend (ask)

5. To start writing good essays you have to begin _____ ideas and sorting them. (collect)

6. She tried to talk me _____ to the party with her, but I didn't want to. (come)

7. I must rely _____ you _____ me the truth, (tell)

8. I am looking forward _____ my daughter, (see)

9. I can't understand why people don't refrain _____ . It's so bad for your health. (smoke)

10. You can't blame me _____ the bus. (miss)

11. You have a choice _____ with us and _____ at home, (come, stay)

12. The firemen prevented the fire _____ to the other buildings, (spread)

13. I am not interested _____ to your stories, (listen)

14. The headmaster gave us the opportunity _____ what we had achieved, (explain)

15. Please let me apologize _____ so impolite to you. (be)

16. Can you eat an apple _____ your hands? (use)

17. Many young girls dream _____ a model, (become)

18. We thought _____ to another place next month, (move)

19. The young man was charged _____ goods over the border, (smuggle)

20. Please concentrate _____ all the vocabulary in your book, (learn)

21. The teacher insisted _____ to my parents, (speak)

22. He thanked us _____ him in so late at night .(let)

23. The manager succeeded _____ the deal, (make)

24. The group of technicians specialize _____ on difficult problems, (work)

25. If I were you I wouldn't brag _____ four girls in one week, (date)

Exercise 11: Rewrite the following sentences.

1. You can try to get Jim to lend you his car, but you won't succeed.

☒ There's no point _____.

2. He wished he had invited her to his birthday party.

☒ He regretted _____.

3. Mastering a second language takes time and patience.

☒ It _____.

4. After four years abroad, Mr. Brown returned home as an excellent engineer.

☒ After Mr. Brown _____.

5. It won't be difficult to get a ticket for the game.

☒ You won't have any _____.

6. Driving on the left is strange and difficult for Americans.

② Americans aren't _____.

Exercise 12: Put the verbs into the present simple or present continuous tense depending on whether they are state verbs or action verbs.

1. This soup _____ (not/taste) delicious.
2. _____ (you/love) him?
3. Emily _____ (look) lovely in that new dress.
4. _____ (you/see) what I mean?
5. I _____ (think) I'll have a rest; I'm tired.
6. It _____ (be) really hot today.
7. She _____ (have) a bath every morning.
8. I _____ (need) some new clothes for the winter.
9. I'm afraid I _____ (not/know) the answer to the question.
10. My children _____ (not/believe) in fairy tales.
11. Jenifer _____ (see) her daughter next month.
12. My daughter (want) to go the UK for our holidays.
13. Why _____ (you/look) at me like that?
14. The waiter _____ (taste) the wine for US now.
15. My friends _____ (have) a good time at the moment.
16. What _____ (you/think) about Susan's new house?
17. Mary _____ (not/be) a nurse. She's a doctor.
18. I _____ (hope) the weather is good tomorrow.
19. My husband _____ (always/taste) the food while I'm cooking!

Exercise 13: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences.

1. He often helps other people. I _____ he is a good man.
A. think B. am thinking C. have been thinking D. had been thinking
2. I _____ about this project since last spring.
A. think B. am thinking C. have been thinking D. thought
3. Can you help me, please? I _____ for Mr. David's office.
A. look B. am looking C. have looked D. looked
4. Is that Peter over there? He _____ old and tired. Is he sick?
A. looks B. has looked C. has been looking D. looked
5. She _____ the soup in the kitchen when the telephone rang.
A. has tasted B. tasted C. was tasting D. tastes
6. This soup _____ good. I really like it.
A. is tasting B. tastes C. has been tasting D. was tasting
7. Could you call a little later? We _____ dinner now.
A. are having B. have had C. had D. have
8. She _____ him for a long time. They are good friends.
A. knows B. had known C. has been knowing D. has known
9. This bag _____ a ton. There are too many books in it.

A. weighs B. is weighing C. weighed D. has been weighing

10. I _____ a little boy in the room. He is sleeping on the sofa.

A. am seeing B. saw C. see D. had seen

Exercise 14: Choose the underlined part that needs correction.

1. While Mike (A) was fixing the car, I (B) was making the supper. By six o'clock I (C) had been working for eight hours, so I (D) was needing a good meal.

2. Simon (A) owns two different houses. He (B) likes to live in his house by the sea when the weather (C) is good, but in the winter he (D) is preferring to live in the city.

3. I (A) don't understand state and action verbs. They (B) seem very confusing. I (C) am hating them, because they (D) are driving me crazy!

4. I (A) play tennis every Tuesday. Last week, I (B) was playing (C) with Tom, a man I (D) was knowing from work.

5. When I (A) called Lucy, she (B) watched TV; therefore, she (C) didn't want to come out with me and I (D) went to the pub alone.

Exercise 15: Complete the sentences with the suitable verbs from the box and supply the correct form of these verbs.

look taste smell see appear sound hear feel

1a. She _____ different perfumes as I walked into the cosmetics department.

1b. These roses _____ wonderful. Did you grow them yourself?

2a. I _____ that there is too big a gap between the rich and the poor.

2b. She says she _____ really good at the moment.

3a. Listen! They _____ the gong for lunch. We'd better hurry.

3b. I have to say, your plan _____ very interesting.

4a. I _____ you're getting married.

4b. I thought I _____ somebody at the door, but I must have _____ things.

5a. She _____ wine all yesterday afternoon.

5b. This soup _____ delicious.

6a. I will _____ him later today. Do you want me to give him a message?

6b. Ah! I _____ her now; she's over there by the fountain.

7a. Currently she _____ at the Strand Theatre in a play by Strindberg.

7b. He _____ to be asleep.

8a. I _____ at the newspaper when I came across this article.

8b. Let's see it. Oh yes, it _____ rather interesting.