

Test on the Infinitives and Gerund

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form: gerund, bare infinitive or full infinitive.

1. I am looking forward to _____ (go) on a holiday.
2. He urged us _____ (work) faster.
3. It's no use _____ (wait).
4. He warned us _____ (not touch) the wire.
5. I can't understand her _____ (behave) like that.
6. He tried _____ (explain) but she refused _____ (listen).
7. He was fined for _____ (exceed) the speed limit.
8. I can't help _____ (sneeze) because I caught cold yesterday from _____ (sit) in a draught.
9. Do stop _____ (talk), I am trying _____ (finish) a letter.
10. People used _____ (make) fire by _____ (rub) 2 sticks together.
11. He hates _____ (answer) the phone and very often just lets it _____ (ring).
12. I prefer _____ (drive) to _____ (be driven).
13. After _____ (hear) the conditions I decided _____ (not enter) the competition.
14. I suggest _____ (telephone) the hospitals before _____ (ask) the police _____ (look) for him.
15. Would you mind _____ (lend) me some money? I forgot _____ (cash) a cheque.
16. I distinctly remember _____ (pay) him. I gave him 2 pounds.
17. My parents made me _____ (clean) my room every weekend when I was a kid.
18. I do regret _____ (say) things like that to her.
19. He was made _____ (tell) the truth.
20. I'd rather _____ (earn) my living by _____ (scrub) floors than _____ (make) money by _____ (blackmail) people.
21. He was seen _____ (get) into a black car last night.
22. I heard her _____ (sing) the song during the performance. I liked it very much.
23. The carpet needs _____ (hoover).
24. He stopped _____ (drink) coffee because it upsets his stomach.
25. If you can't sleep, try _____ (drink) some milk.
26. I will never forget _____ (travel) by plane for the first time.
27. She introduced herself and went on _____ (talk) about her new book.
28. I regret _____ (inform) you that you have failed.
29. I intend _____ (go) to the concert even if it means _____ (pay) a lot of money.
30. He wasted a lot of time _____ (try) to find a parking lot.

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct infinitive form or -ing form. (continuous, perfect, perfect cont., passive)

1. Jane is in her room. She seems _____ (study) hard for her exams.
2. Steve claims _____ (travel) around the world when he was younger.
3. Did the police arrest that man? – Yes. He admitted _____ (steal) the car.
4. The boys seem _____ (sleep) for hours.
5. Ben denied _____ (break) in the window.
6. He is believed _____ (hide) somewhere in Europe right now.
7. He is known _____ (kidnap) by terrorists.
8. They accused me of _____ (damage) their car.

Transform the sentences so that the new sentence will have the same meaning as the given one. Include the word given in bold. Write two to five words.

1. Could you give me a lift to the office, please?

mind Would _____ me a lift to the office, please?

2. The ring was so expensive that he couldn't afford to buy it.

too The ring was _____ to buy.

3. They let Edward go out with his friends last night.

allowed Edward _____ with his friends last night.

4. They heard Fiona quarrel with her brother last night.

was Fiona _____ with her brother last night.

5. Mum was annoyed by Tina's behaviour.

found Mum _____.

6. He made us help with the cleaning:

were We _____ with the cleaning.

7. She had difficulty reading his handwriting.

difficult It was _____ his handwriting.

8. Julie didn't lock the door when she left her house.

without Julie _____ the door.

9. The police will prevent his leaving the country.

from The police _____ the country.

10. I can't wait to tell Karen the good news.

forward I'm _____ Karen the good news.