



PRACTICE GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

A. Choose the correct grammatical form to complete each sentence.

1. _____ tasks with co-workers is helpful when you are working on a tight deadline.
 - a) To sharing
 - b) Share
 - c) Sharing
 - d) Shared

2. I avoid _____ the doctor too often unless it is an absolute emergency.
 - a) to call
 - b) calling
 - c) call
 - d) to calling

3. Our dream is _____ a trip to Africa next year to study local languages.
 - a) to make
 - b) making
 - c) make
 - d) made

4. We considered _____ to the picnic, but the weather was too unpredictable.
 - a) to go
 - b) going
 - c) go
 - d) for going

5. They have decided _____ their teacher to the play next Friday evening.
 - a) inviting
 - b) to invite
 - c) invite
 - d) for invite



6. She prefers _____ to the early show because it is usually less crowded.
- a) to go
 - b) going
 - c) go
 - d) both a and b are correct
7. I saw an interesting documentary about _____ across the United States.
- a) to drive
 - b) driving
 - c) drive
 - d) driven
8. We're ready _____ now if the taxi has already arrived.
- a) going
 - b) to go
 - c) go
 - d) for go
9. It's a very good day _____ the new boss and introduce our team.
- a) meeting
 - b) meet
 - c) to meet
 - d) for meet
10. We used an insect repellent _____ mosquito bites during the field trip.
- a) avoiding
 - b) to avoid
 - c) avoid
 - d) for to avoid



11. They were _____ late to make the plane to Boston, so they missed it.

- a) enough
- b) too
- c) very much
- d) so as

12. Fortunately, we were early _____ to catch the bus before it departed.

- a) enough
- b) too
- c) so
- d) very

13. My colleagues appreciate _____ feedback on their research proposals.

- a) to receive
- b) receiving
- c) receive
- d) to receiving

14. The academic board is looking forward to _____ the new program guidelines.

- a) discuss
- b) to discuss
- c) discussing
- d) discussed

15. The university cannot afford _____ any more delays in the academic calendar.

- a) to risk
- b) risking
- c) risk
- d) for risking



B. Identify the grammatical function of the underlined gerund or infinitive in each sentence.

16. Learning a second language opens up many career opportunities.

- a) Subject
- b) Direct object of a verb
- c) Subject complement

17. Her ultimate goal this semester is to complete her thesis.

- a) Subject
- b) Direct object of a verb
- c) Subject complement

18. Most of the students dislike taking unexpected pop quizzes.

- a) Subject
- b) Direct object of a verb
- c) Subject complement

19. Working as a university professor requires excellent communication skills.

- a) Subject
- b) Direct object of a verb
- c) Subject complement

20. The department head plans to hire two new assistants next month.

- a) Subject
- b) Direct object of a verb
- c) Subject complement



C. Complete the sentences by putting the verb in parentheses into the correct form.

21. I distinctly remember _____ (lock) the office door last night, so I am sure it is safe. *(Recall a past memory)* 22. Please remember _____ (lock) the office door before you leave tonight. *(A task or obligation to fulfill)* 23. I regret _____ (inform) you that your application for the scholarship was not selected. *(Deliver bad news in the present)* 24. He regrets _____ (not / finish) his research project before the deadline last semester. *(Look back at a past mistake)* 25. On my way home, I had to stop _____ (buy) some groceries for dinner. *(Interrupt an action in order to do something else)* 26. The doctor told her she must stop _____ (consume) so much caffeine. *(End a continuous habit or action)* 27. The project manager expects us _____ (submit) the draft by noon.
28. She apologized for _____ (be) late to the faculty meeting.
29. The lesson was easy _____ (understand) because the teacher used excellent examples.
30. Our supervisor warned us _____ (not / make) any sudden changes to the presentation slides.
31. The university budget restrictions prevent us from _____ (hire) new faculty members this year.
32. The coordinator encouraged her _____ (apply) for the international exchange program.
33. After a long discussion, they finally succeeded in _____ (solve) the administrative problem.
34. Is everyone in the classroom prepared _____ (start) the examination now?
35. The professor doesn't mind _____ (explain) the complex formula one more time.
36. They are deeply committed to _____ (improve) the learning conditions for their students.
37. It is quite difficult for some students _____ (avoid) making basic grammar mistakes.
38. The guest speaker stopped _____ (drink) some water before continuing her presentation. *(Interrupt an action to do something else)* 39. I will never forget _____ (travel) to Europe for the very first time. *(Recall a vivid past event)* 40. The administrative assistant was responsible for _____ (organize) the academic files.