UNIT 2: SCHOOL TALKS

POINTS TO REMEMBER	
READING:	- Reading for exact information
SPEAKING:	- Making questions & Giving responses in small talk
LISTENING:	- Numbering pictures / completing a dialogue
WRITING:	- Filling in a form
LANGUAGE FOCUS:	- The pronunciation of /ʌ/ and /ɑ:/
	- WH- Questions
	- Gerund and Infinitive

GERUND - INFINITIVE

a. GERUND: (V- ing)

* used as **a subject, object, complement**

- Swimming is my favourite sport.
- My favourite sport is swimming.

* used after:

1. **admit, avoid, begin, consider, continue, delay, deny, (dis)like, enjoy, finish, hate, imagine, keep, mind, miss, postpone, practice, prevent, start, suggest**

   I missed meeting my old friends.

2. **prepositions**

   I'm fond of listening classical music.

3. **It's no use / good** (chẳng ích gì)

   It's no use helping these lazy pupils.

4. **There's no point (in)** (không cần thiết)

   There's no point (in) remembering their names.

5. **a waste of time/ money**

   It's a waste of time playing video games.

6. **Have fun / difficulty / trouble**

   Have a hard / good / difficult time

   I have difficulty looking for a job.

7. **be worth /busy**

   This book is worth reading.

8. **can't help / resist** (không thể không)

   I can't help laughing.

9. **can't bear / stand** (không chịu được)

   I can't bear waiting for someone for so long.

10. **need** (passive meaning)

    My hair needs cutting.

11. **be / get used to**

    We're used to living in this crowded city.

12. **look forward to**

    I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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b. BARE INFINITIVE: (V_o)

used after:

1. **modal verbs**

   I can swim.

2. **make / let**

   Sad movies always make me cry.

3. **had better , would rather / sooner, used to**

   I'd rather stay at home.

4. **do nothing / anything / everything but (except)**

   He does nothing but complain.

c. GERUND or INFINITIVE

GERUND (V – ing)	FULL INFINITIVE (To – V)
1. **SPEND / WASTE** time / money + V.ing I spent 10 minutes cooking my meal	1. **IT TAKES / TOOK** + O + time + to. V It took me 10 minutes to cook my meal.
2. **TRY** = doing something as experiment (**thử**) I try mixing these substances to make a new one.	2. **TRY** = attempt (**cố gắng**) As students, we must try to study well.
3. **STOP** (ngừng việc đang làm) I'm working. I stop working.	3. **STOP** (ngừng việc đang làm để làm việc khác) I'm working. I stop to smoke.
4. **ADVISE / ALLOW / PERMIT** They don't allow smoking here.	4. **ADVISE / ALLOW / PERMIT** +**O** + to. V They don't allow us to smoke here.
5. **REMEMBER / FORGET / REGRET** I remember going to school for the first time.	5. **REMEMBER / FORGET / REGRET** * REGRET + to tell / to inform Before going out, remember to lock the doors.

GERUND (V – ing)	BARE INFINITIVE (V_o)
1. **SEE / WATCH / HEAR / NOTICE / FEEL / SMELL** Every day I see them crossing my house on their way home.	1. **SEE / WATCH / HEAR / NOTICE / FEEL** I see the boy jump down from the window.
2. **PREFER** + V. ing + **to** + V. ing I prefer reading to watching films.	2. **WOULD PREFER** + to. V + **rather than** + V_o **WOULD RATHER** + V_o + **than** + V_o I'd prefer to read rather than watch films.

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EXERCISES

I. Word form

1. The play they performed was extremely..... **(enjoy)**
2. Tom is responsible for all the travel ..... **(arrange)**
3. We found it .....to your wonderful news. **(thrill)**
4. He left the room without any..... **(explain)**
5. Fresh air is very .....to our health. **(benefit)**
6. Many people expressed .....with the whole idea. **(disagree)**
7. His .....to retire surprised all of the workers. **(decide)**
8. Don't put too much .....in what the newspapers say. **(confident)**
9. Many people have expressed a clear .....for smaller schools. **(prefer)**
10. Has she gone to Nha Trang on business or for.....? **(please)**

II. Choose the best option (based on Reading 1 – textbook).

1. If two people speak the same ....., they usually have similar attitudes and opinions.

   A. voice B. sound C. language D. story

2. There was so ..... traffic at that time that I couldn't move faster.

   A. many B. much C. little D. few

3. At school, I study many ..... such as Maths, Physics, English and so on.

   A. subjects B. topics C. lessons D. units

4. ..... is hard work but Miss Hong likes it because she loves working with children.

   A. Teacher B. Teaching C. Teaches D. Teach

5. Phong has to go to school by bike because his flat is far .... school.

   A. from B. away C. with D. at

6. English is a/ an .....language.

   A. nation B. national C. nationally D. international

7. List some forms of .....

   A. entertaining B. entertainer C. entertain D. entertainment

8. Miss Phuong .....teaching because she loves working with children.

   A. enjoy B. enjoys C .enjoyable D. enjoyably

9. He is a .....boy. He spends a lot of time studying.

   A. studious B. study C. studiously D. studying

10. A ..... is a scientist who studies chemistry.

    A. chemical B. chemist C. chemistry D. chemically

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11. A ..... is a person who is an expert in mathematics.

A. mathematical B. mathematics

C. mathematically D. mathematician

12. A ..... is a scientist who studies physics.

A. physical B. physically C. physics D. physicist

13. A ..... is a scientist who studies biology.

A. biologist B. biology C. biological D. biologically

14. A ..... person is a person who likes literature very much; studying or writing literature.

A. literature B. literate C. literary D. literacy

15. A ..... is a person who studies or writes about history.

A. historian B. history C. historical D. historic

16. In the spring the place is ..... with skiers.

A. crowded B. crowd C. crowding D. crowd

17. Turn left at the ..... and you'll see the post office.

A. traffic jam B. traffic lights C. traffic circle D. traffic police

18. There was only a ..... gap between the bed and the wall.

A. narrow B. narrower C. narrowness D. narrowly

19. He glanced ..... at his father.

A. worry B. worried C. worriedly D. worryingly

20. I've been ..... at my assignment all day.

A. worked B. working C. work D. works

III. Choose the best answer.

1. Don't keep me ..... long before ..... my question.
   A. waiting - answering B. waiting - answer
   C. wait/ answering D. to wait - answer
2. I advise you ..... before deciding ..... the job.
   A. wait - to accept B. to wait - to accept
   C. waiting - accepting D. to wait - accepting
3. Is ..... or ..... the best way of cooking this fish?
   A. boiling - frying B. boil - fry C. boiled - fried D. boiling – fry
4. I like ..... these farm workers ..... the corn for a few minutes before going any farther.
   A. watch - cut B. to watch - to cut
   C. watching - cutting D. watching - to cut
5. Did you forget ..... John ..... his friend to pay back the money he owes us?
   A. to remind - to ask B. remind - to ask
   C. reminding - to ask D. remind - asking
6. Please begin ..... now without ..... for the others to come.
   A. to eat - to wait B. to eat - wait C. eating - waiting D. eat – waiting

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7. My girl-friend would love ..... with me to the cinema tonight.
A. to go B. go C. going D.A&C

8. Would you mind .... with my young sister?
A. arrange - travelling B. arranging - to travel
C. arrange - travel D. arranging - travelling

9. Try .....Maisie ..... more reasonable.
A. persuade - to be B. to persuade - be
C. to persuade - to be D.to persuade - being

10. If you don't enjoy ..... sour oranges, try ..... sugar on them after peeling them.
A. eating/ putting B. eating - to put
C. eat/ putting D. to eat - putting

11. I'm surprised at your .... so late.
A. have - work B. having - working
C. having - work D.having - to work

12. By ..... to school late,they escaped ..... an exam.
A. getting - have B. getting - to have C. getting - having D. to get - having

13. A child can't learn ..... without ..... helped.
A. to spell - being B. spelling - being C. to spell - to be D. spell - be

14. On ..... my girl-friend Maisie ....., everybody took her to be a foreigner.
A. hearing - to speak B. hear - speak
C. hearing - speaking D. to hear - to speak

15. I dislike being looked at while attempting ....
A. to learn - to ski B. learn - ski
C. learning - skiing D. to learn - ski

16. I want you ..... before deciding ..... his offer.
A. wait - accept B. to wait - to accept
C. waiting - accepting D. to wait - accept

17. At all costs we must avoid ..... him in a way that might mean his turning elsewhere for business.
A. treat B. to treat C. treating D. A&C

18. I'm sorry for ..... you with my sneezes; I've felt this cold ..... for weeks.
A. to disturb - come on B. disturb - to come on
C. disturbing - coming on D. disturb - come on

19. They refused ..... us ..... without signing the book.
A. allow - go B. to allow - to go C. allowing - going D. to allow - go

20. Why do you keep ..... to ..... the party at the Rex Restaurant?
A. object - have B. to object - to have
C. objecting - having D. objecting - have

21. I usually manage ..... asked to these meetings.
A. to escape - to be B. to escape - be
C. to escape - being D. escaping - being

22. Forgive my ..... you up so late, but I couldn't allow your birthday ..... without congratulating you.
A. ring/ pass B. ringing/ to pass C. ringing - passing D. ring - to pass

23. I had to ask the boys .....
A. to stop - playing B. stop - to play
C. to stop - to play D. stopping - playing

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24. Don't start ..... to learn geometry before you have finished ..... to do simple things in arithmetic.
A. trying - learning B. to try - to learn C. to try - learn D. trying - to learn

25. We can't consider ..... a new house before ..... the old one.
A. buy - sell B. buying - selling C. to buy - selling D. buying - sell

26. Please don't talk of ..... before ..... my photo-album.
A. going - seeing B. go - see C. going - to see D. go - seeing

27. If you can't unscrew the lid, try ..... it with a hammer.
A. to hit B. hit C. hitting D. A&C

28. I saw him ..... in the park on the way home, and heard him ..... his friend not to be late.
A. sitting - telling B. sit - tell C. to sit - to tell D. sitting - tell

29. It's time he learnt..... ..... his work alone.
A. practice - do B. to practice - to do
C. practicing - doing D. to practice - doing

30. I have decided ..... my girl-friend Maisie ..... as she pleases.
A. to allow - do B. allow - to do
C. to allow - to do D. allowing - doing

Exercise 2: Give the correct verb form.

1. I tried (explain) ..... to him but he went on (grumble) .....
2. Try (forget) .....it. It isn't worth (worry) ..... about.
3. We couldn't help (laugh) ..... when (see) .....him.
4. We got tired of (wait) .....for the weather (clear) ..... .
5. I remember (see) .....him somewhere, but I can't tell where it was.
6. He kept (stand) .....up and (ask) ..... for an explanation.
7. We regret (inform) .....you that your application has been turned down.
8. Did you advise him (see).....the doctor ?
9. Did you remember (lock) .....the door? –No, I didn't. You'd better (go) ***go*** back and (do) .....it now.
10. It's too hot now. Why don't we go (swim) .....?

D. TRANSFORMATION

1. I don't want to find a new job.

→ I'm not interested .....

2. Could you please lend me your pen ?

→ Would you mind .....

3. We'd rather you didn't smoke.

→ We'd prefer .....

4. She has been working as a secretary for two years.

→ She started.....

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5. Lan finally managed to get a job.

→ Lan finally succeeded……

6. We spent two hours getting to London.

→ It took……

7. Please open the window.

→ Would you mind ……...

8. The flight to London lasted three and a half hours.

→ It took……

9. She'd rather ride than drive.

→ She prefers ……

10. The car was too expensive for us to buy.

→ We couldn't afford……

11. "Let's go for a walk in the park.", he said

→ He suggested ……

12. "Let's go out for a change."

→ "What about ……

13. He tried to escape but the police stopped him.

→ The police prevented ……

14. He started investigating the case a week ago.

→ He has ……..

15. I'll finish the work tonight if you like.

→ Would you like me ……

16. The train couldn't run because of the snow.

→ The snow ……..

17. The robbers made the bank manager hand over the money.

→ The bank manager……

18. I wish I hadn't bought that motorbike.

→ I regret ……

19. I'm now sorry that I didn't finish my homework at the weekend.

→ I regret ……

20. I'm sorry I broke the glass.

→ I apologise ……

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