



# Gerund or infinitive

## **Choose the best answer**

1. They seem \_\_\_\_\_ what they're doing.  
A. to know                      B. knowing                      C. know                      D. to knowing
2. I'd advise \_\_\_\_\_ your tickets well in advance if you want to travel in August.  
A. buy                      B. you buying                      C. to buy                      D. buying
3. Jim offered \_\_\_\_\_ dinner because I wasn't feeling very well.  
A. cook                      B. to cook                      C. be cooking                      D. cooked
4. Marcel asked me \_\_\_\_\_ sing that song.  
A. not to                      B. not                      C. to not                      D. Ø
5. Thank you for inviting me \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.  
A. to have                      B. have                      C. having                      D. had
6. The teacher encouraged Nam \_\_\_\_\_ harder.  
A. to work                      B. he should work                      C. that he work                      D. working
7. She doesn't need \_\_\_\_\_ a dress for the wedding party.  
A. to choose                      B. choose                      C. choosing                      D. chose
8. They reminded me \_\_\_\_\_ late.  
A. to not come                      B. not coming                      C. not to come                      D. to come not
9. Katie chose \_\_\_\_\_ away from work that day.  
A. stayed                      B. to stay                      C. staying                      D. being stay
10. My boss's absence enabled me \_\_\_\_\_ myself as a key figure in our department.  
A. to establish                      B. established                      C. establishing                      D. establishes
11. After the awful meals we had last Christmas, I vowed \_\_\_\_\_ more of the cooking myself.  
A. to do                      B. doing                      C. having done                      D. to have done
12. Le's friend suggested \_\_\_\_\_ some games to relax because they had studied for three hours.  
A. playing                      B. play                      C. to play                      D. played
13. Nam's mother advised \_\_\_\_\_ some ginger tea if he wants to feel better.  
A. to him drink                      B. to drink him                      C. him drink                      D. him to drink
14. Our fitness instructor warned \_\_\_\_\_ work out more than two hours a day.  
A. us not to                      B. us to not                      C. us not                      D. not us to

15. The swimming instructor told the children \_\_\_\_\_ into the pool.  
A. to not jump                      B. not jump                      C. not to jump                      D. not jumping
16. Having decided to use public transport instead of private transport, we were determined \_\_\_\_\_ carbon footprints.  
A. to reducing                      B. reducing                      C. to reduce                      D. reduce
17. Even when arrested, he denied \_\_\_\_\_ cut down that tree.  
A. has                      B. having                      C. have                      D. have had
18. He forgot \_\_\_\_\_ promised to cut down on the carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere.  
A. to promise                      B. have                      C. having                      D. had
19. I remembered having \_\_\_\_\_ off the lights before leaving home.  
A. switched                      B. switch                      C. switching                      D. switches
20. He regretted not \_\_\_\_\_ registered for military service last spring.  
A. have                      B. having                      C. having had                      D. having done
21. He regretted \_\_\_\_\_ killed and eaten several rare species.  
A. to have                      B. having                      C. have                      D. has
22. I remember \_\_\_\_\_ advised you to stop hunting endangered animals.  
A. to have                      B. having                      C. have                      D. had
23. They promised \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ for the party.  
A. to help - prepare                      B. to help - preparing  
C. helping - preparing                      D. helping - to prepare
24. I greatly regret \_\_\_\_\_ those boots when they were so cheap.  
A. not having bought                      B. not to have bought  
C. not to buy                      D. didn't buy
25. The test will involve \_\_\_\_\_ questions about your knowledge of international organizations.  
A. answering                      B. in answering                      C. to answering                      D. to answer
26. I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ a dog in the house so long as it's clean.  
A. having                      B. to have                      C. to having                      D. have
27. Credit cards can be a source of free credit if you can organize payments within the stipulated time limits, so as to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ interest.  
A. to paying                      B. to pay                      C. paying                      D. pay
28. Have you finished \_\_\_\_\_ that magazine?  
A. reading                      B. to reading                      C. to read                      D. read
29. She imagined \_\_\_\_\_ into the office and \_\_\_\_\_ in her resignation.  
A. walking - handed                      B. to walking - handing

C. to walk - hand

D. walking - handing

30. We were encouraged \_\_\_\_\_ foreign languages at school.

A. to learn

B. learning

C. to learning

D. learn

31. He risked \_\_\_\_\_ his house when his company went bankrupt.

A. being lost

B. losing

C. to lost

D. to losing

32. He recommended \_\_\_\_\_ the book before seeing the movie.

A. reading

B. to reading

C. to read

D. read

33. Before we make a decision, we need \_\_\_\_\_ our options.

A. to considering

B. to consider

C. considering

D. consider

34. We expected \_\_\_\_\_ her here, but I guess she decided not to come.

A. to see

B. seeing

C. to be seen

D. being seen

35. You're not allowed \_\_\_\_\_ when the red flag is flying.

A. to swim

B. swimming

C. swim

D. to be swim

36. Hospitals are being forced \_\_\_\_\_ departments because of a lack of money.

A. closing

B. being closed

C. to closing

D. to close

37. The shopkeeper warned the boys not \_\_\_\_\_ their bicycles against his windows.

A. to lean

B. leaning

C. to leaning

D. being leaned

38. He's obviously really embarrassed about it because he forbade me \_\_\_\_\_ anyone.

A. to tell

B. telling

C. to telling

D. being told

39. State agencies were ordered \_\_\_\_\_ all nonessential energy use.

A. to cut

B. cutting

C. to be cut

D. to have cut

40. He tried \_\_\_\_\_ over the rail, but he botched it and twisted his ankle.

A. to jump

B. jumping

C. to jumping

D. having jumped

41. The primary purpose of education is not to teach you \_\_\_\_\_ your bread, but to make every mouthful sweet.

A. to earn

B. earning

C. to earning

D. to be earned

42. He decided \_\_\_\_\_ an extra paragraph at the end summarizing what he'd said.

A. to tag on

B. tagging on

C. to tagging on

D. Ø

43. He planned \_\_\_\_\_ old articles together to make a book.

A. tagging

B. to tag

C. being tagged

D. to be tagged

44. Health and safety regulations require all staff \_\_\_\_\_ protective clothing.

A. to wear

B. wearing

C. to wearing

D. have to wear

45. In general, a woman's fertility starts \_\_\_\_\_ at age 30.

A. decrease

B. to be decreased

C. to decrease

D. to decreasing

46. It would not be wise to encourage women \_\_\_\_\_ their babies at a young age.



- A. have                      B. having                      C. to have                      D. to having
47. I must apologize for not \_\_\_\_\_ you know sooner.  
A. letting                      B. to let                      C. let                      D. to be let
48. Finally, I'd like to thank everyone \_\_\_\_\_ supporting me.  
A. to                      B. for                      C. about                      D. on
49. I was just congratulating Ceria \_\_\_\_\_ winning her race.  
A. to                      B. for                      C. about                      D. on
50. Are you accusing me \_\_\_\_\_ lying?  
A. to                      B. for                      C. of                      D. about
51. I often dream of \_\_\_\_\_ a prize in the Better Photography contest.  
A. winning                      B. won                      C. win                      D. to win
52. My mother always warned me not \_\_\_\_\_ the exam.  
A. failing                      B. to fail                      C. fail                      D. being failed
53. Neil denies \_\_\_\_\_ in the entrance examination.  
A. cheat                      B. to cheat                      C. cheated                      D. cheating
54. She admitted \_\_\_\_\_ a mistake in the final examination.  
A. make                      B. to make                      C. to making                      D. making
55. I suggested \_\_\_\_\_ chess in break time.  
A. playing                      B. to play                      C. play                      D. to playing
56. I can't manage \_\_\_\_\_ all these exercises on time.  
A. finishing                      B. finish                      C. to finish                      D. to finishing
57. My friends avoid \_\_\_\_\_ four fails in my exams.  
A. mention                      B. mentioning                      C. to mention                      D. mentioned
58. Sometimes girls will volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ to earn money because of the strong sense of obligation to their family.  
A. to go away                      B. going away  
C. being gone away                      D. to have been gone away
59. Let me \_\_\_\_\_ the broken glass before someone walks on it.  
A. clean up                      B. cleaning up                      C. to clean up                      D. Ø
60. My professional training has taught me \_\_\_\_\_ things logically.  
A. to look at                      B. looking at                      C. to look after                      D. looking after
61. Two armed men were caught \_\_\_\_\_ to cross the frontier at night.  
A. trial                      B. trying                      C. to try                      D. to trying
62. Yes, I agree, we've wasted time \_\_\_\_\_ to him.  
A. talking                      B. to talk                      C. to talking                      D. being talked

63. They need to spend more time \_\_\_\_\_ customer relations.  
 A. improving                      B. to improve                      C. to improving                      D. improved
64. Some people \_\_\_\_\_ him of failing to pay his taxes.  
 A. rescued                      B. accused                      C. blamed                      D. ashamed
65. Neil denied \_\_\_\_\_ the window, but I'm sure he did.  
 A. broken                      B. breaking                      C. had broken                      D. having broke
66. In court, she admitted \_\_\_\_\_ almost \$1 million as "consulting fees".  
 A. receive                      B. to receive                      C. to receiving                      D. having received
68. Have you finished \_\_\_\_\_ that magazine?  
 A. to read                      B. reading                      C. being read                      D. to be read
69. The managing director agreed \_\_\_\_\_ a deputation from the factory.  
 A. to receive                      B. receiving                      C. having received                      D. to have received
70. I hate \_\_\_\_\_ a child \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. see - crying                      B. see - cry                      C. seeing - to cry                      D. seeing - cry
71. I want to travel because I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ people and \_\_\_\_\_ new places.  
 A. to meet - travel                      B. meeting - travel  
 C. to meet - to travel                      D. meeting - traveling
72. Only those who will risk \_\_\_\_\_ too far can possibly find out how far one can go.  
 A. going                      B. being gone                      C. having gone                      D. to have gone
73. We were meant \_\_\_\_\_ away this week, but Debbie's ill so we couldn't go.  
 A. to go                      B. being go                      C. going                      D. having
74. I detest \_\_\_\_\_ to get up when it's dark outside.  
 A. having                      B. having had                      C. to have had                      D. to have been had
75. I demand \_\_\_\_\_ the person in charge.  
 A. to see                      B. seeing                      C. being see                      D. to seeing
76. If things keep \_\_\_\_\_ like this, we'll have to close the business.  
 A. go                      B. to go                      C. going                      D. having gone
77. However, close monitoring and a quick response seem \_\_\_\_\_ the key factors in achieving success.  
 A. being                      B. to be                      C. to being                      D. to have been
78. The club members did agree \_\_\_\_\_ their recruitment policy.  
 A. modify                      B. to modify  
 C. being modified                      D. have been modified
79. We expected \_\_\_\_\_ her here, but I guess she decided \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. to see - to come                      B. seeing - coming





94. We had to ask our guide \_\_\_\_\_ for us.  
A. interpreting      B. to interpret      C. interpret      D. to interpreting
95. My students hope that I can inspire them \_\_\_\_\_ their listening skills.  
A. being improved      B. to improve      C. to improving      D. improve
96. Most convalescents prefer \_\_\_\_\_ for at home rather than in a hospital.  
A. being cared      B. to be cared      C. to caring      D. caring
97. She's been promising \_\_\_\_\_ back the money for six months, but I reckon she's just stringing me along.  
A. to pay      B. paying      C. to paying      D. to be paid
98. Some people are very picky about whom they choose \_\_\_\_\_ their lives with.  
A. sharing      B. to share      C. to sharing      D. to be shared
99. Profits \_\_\_\_\_ slightly next year, although we don't predict any job losses.  
A. are expected to fall      B. are expecting to fall  
C. expect to fall      D. are expected falling
100. Do you wish \_\_\_\_\_ a formal complaint?  
A. making      B. you to make      C. you made      D. to make
101. I seized his arm and made him \_\_\_\_\_ to look at me.  
A. to turn      B. turning      C. turned      D. turn
102. You shouldn't have let Martha \_\_\_\_\_ without apologizing for what you said to her.  
A. to leave      B. leave      C. to leaving      D. leaving
103. It's not fair to make the cat \_\_\_\_\_ in the car on such a hot day.  
A. waiting      B. for waiting      C. to wait      D. wait
104. The respiratory system allows us \_\_\_\_\_ in vital oxygen and expel carbon dioxide in a process we call breathing.  
A. take      B. to take      C. taking      D. taken
105. They enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ out with each other when they were kids.  
A. putting      B. taking      C. hanging      D. getting
106. He is currently considered \_\_\_\_\_ the best British athlete.  
A. to be      B. being      C. as being      D. for being
107. Avoiding fatty foods and salt can help \_\_\_\_\_ down your blood pressure.  
A. to bringing      B. bringing      C. to bring      D. with bringing
108. I \_\_\_\_\_ shopping on Saturdays because the stores are so crowded.  
A. try avoiding going      B. try to avoid doing





C. being brought

D. having been brought

123. I applied for the job on the off chance, but I didn't seriously \_\_\_\_\_ to get it.

A. intend

B. expect

C. pretend

D. respect

124. I crossed the street to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he saw me and came running towards me.

A. meeting

B. to meet

C. to be met

D. having met

125. We've stopped \_\_\_\_\_ plastic bags in supermarkets. We take our own bag with us now when we go shopping.

A. to use

B. using

C. being used

D. to be used

126. It's difficult to concentrate on what you are doing if you have to stop \_\_\_\_\_ the phone every five minutes.

A. answering

B. to answering

C. to answer

D. to be answering

127. If you have problems sleeping, you could try \_\_\_\_\_ some yoga before you go to bed.

A. to do

B. doing

C. to be doing

D. to have been done

128. In February of this year, the company filed for bankruptcy, and it \_\_\_\_\_ to auction its assets in late May.

A. plans

B. prefers

C. prevents

D. postpones

129. The council is \_\_\_\_\_ banning vehicles from the town centre to relieve congestion.

A. considerable

B. considerate

C. considered

D. considering

130. I only just missed \_\_\_\_\_ by a bus this morning.

A. to be ran over

B. being run over

C. to have ran over

D. having ran over

131. I'm weighing up my options before I \_\_\_\_\_ to apply for the job.

A. decide

B. decided

C. was deciding

D. had decided

132. A: Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ your cell phone?

B: No, of course not.

A. to turn off

B. turning off

C. turning into

D. to turning into

133. My boyfriend suggests \_\_\_\_\_ our 2-year anniversary in Bangkok.

A. celebrate

B. celebrating

C. to be celebrated

D. to have been celebrated

134. A man who does not learn from others can't hope \_\_\_\_\_ much.

A. to achieve

B. to be to achieved

C. being achieved

D. having achieved

135. In settling the dispute, he agreed \_\_\_\_\_ \$60,000 in damages.

A. to pay

B. to paying

C. to be paid

D. being paid

140. She would never forget \_\_\_\_\_ the Himalayas for the first time.