



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

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. try to avoid going D. try to avoid to go

109. You've got to appear _____ in an interview even if you're terrified underneath.
A. to be calm B. being calm C. calming D. to calm

110. The process involves _____ steam to sterilize the instruments.
A. using B. to use C. to using D. use

111. His doctor advised him _____
A. to smoke B. against smoking C. smoking D. not to smoking

111. Every day I spent a lot of time _____ that room.
A. clean B. cleaning C. to cleaning D. to clean

112. In many countries, divorces _____ to rise because of long-standing conflicts.
A. tend B. have C. aim D. encourage

113. Since many immigrants are planning _____ only temporarily, they frequently want to work extra hours _____.
A. stay - to earning B. staying - earning
C. to staying - to earn D. to stay - to earn

114. A: "I'm sure he didn't mean _____. "
B: "Quite possibly, but the damage has been done."
A. rude B. being rude C. to be rude D. have been rude

115. If we want to catch the 7.30 train, that will mean _____. the house at 6.00.
A. leaving B. to leave C. to leaving D. having left

116. It took her three hours _____. her bike.
A. repair B. to repair C. repairing D. to repairing

117. He continued _____. everything I was saying.
A. to ignore B. ignoring C. ignore D. to ignoring

118. After waiting for half an hour she was beginning _____. angry.
A. get B. to get C. to getting D. got

119. The doctor told me _____. down and _____.
A. to sit - to wait B. to sitting - waiting
C. sitting - waiting D. to sit – wait

120. He's 16, but he often seems _____. younger.
A. be B. being C. to be D. to being

121. He's 16, but he often seems _____. younger.
A. be B. being C. to be D. to being

122. Avoiding fatty foods and alcohol can help you to _____.
A. to lose weight B. losing weight C. to losing weight D. lose weight

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.