

Non-Finite Forms of the Verb

Grammar Test Paper

Choose the appropriate form of the infinitive.

- 1) Don't worry about him, he is sure (to have) a good time at the moment.
- 2) He is happy (to award) the first Landscape Prize for his picture.
- 3) He must (to read) something funny; he is smiling all the time.
- 4) I am glad (to introduce) to you.
- 5) I meant (to ask) you about it long ago but I had no opportunity.
- 6) The box was (to handle) with care. You should (to ask) somebody (to help) you. This might not (to happen).
- 7) They are supposed (to experiment) in this field for about a year and are believed (to achieve) good results.
- 8) They seemed (to learn) the news; they look excited.
- 9) This poem is easy (to memorise).
- 10) Why (to go) into that matter at all?

Define the non-finite form of the verb (Participle I or Gerund)

- 1) He arrived in Naples and, **having taken** a room at the hotel, wrote a letter to the Hairless Mexican.
- 2) I remember **being taken** for a drive in a foreign country by my father.
- 3) Jane, **sitting** in silence, felt awkward when all around were talking.
- 4) Letters were no use; he had no talent for **expressing** himself on paper.
- 5) Sally kept **talking** all the time.
- 6) She was a great hostess, and **seeing** my embarrassment came up to me and invited me into the garden.
- 7) She was not used to **being spoken to** like that.
- 8) **Sitting** at the empty table made him feel sorry for himself.
- 9) The clerk identified the man as **having arrived** the day before.
- 10) Without **speaking** they went along the street.

State the type of predicative constructions in the sentences: Complex Subject (CS) or Complex Object (SO).

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| 1) He appeared to be an ideal home man. | CS | CO |
| 2) He decided to have her meet him. | CS | CO |
| 3) He felt his head trembling slightly with rage. | CS | CO |
| 4) He found her watering some plants. | CS | CO |
| 5) He is sure to be back soon. | CS | CO |
| 6) He wouldn't suffer a word to be spoken about his mother. | CS | CO |
| 7) He was heard saying he was taking lessons on English. | CS | CO |
| 8) He was said to be one of the most promising dancers. | CS | CO |
| 9) His office turned out to be the back streets of the town. | CS | CO |
| 10) I came to get someone to tell me the truth. | CS | CO |
| 11) I chanced to tell him our secret. | CS | CO |
| 12) I saw her going off at this direction about an hour ago. | CS | CO |
| 13) If the door happens to be locked, go through a window. | CS | CO |
| 14) It set her heart leaping. | CS | CO |
| 15) Never once she had been seen to cry. | CS | CO |
| 16) She doesn't seem to want to do anything. | CS | CO |
| 17) Shut up in her room she could be heard crying bitterly. | CS | CO |
| 18) They are perfectly certain to be great friends. | CS | CO |
| 19) They didn't seem to see her. | CS | CO |
| 20) She suffered me to have my own way. | CS | CO |

Insert the preposition before the gerund. Write "-" if a preposition is *not* required

- 1) Both windows needed ____ cleaning.
- 2) Excuse me ____ coming in ____ knocking.
- 3) He felt he was going to be accused ____ stealing the money.
- 4) He looked at me for a long time ____ answering.
- 5) I hated the idea ____ your going there alone.
- 6) I suppose nothing is gained ____ delaying.
- 7) I thought you had just been blaming me ____ being neutral.
- 8) If you don't tell me what's wrong, what's the use ____ my being here?
- 9) I'm afraid I won't succeed ____ winning the first prize.
- 10) She could not bear ____ lying.
- 11) The others insisted ____ accompanying them.
- 12) They all objected ____ my coming to the party with my sister.
- 13) We wouldn't mind ____ going there again.
- 14) We'll look forward ____ seeing you and congratulating you ____ turning 20.