ACE

Grammar – 7: Gerunds and infinitives

Practice Exercise

A. Put the verb into the gerund or the infinitive with 'to':

1. It appears _____ (*be*) raining.

2. I anticipate _____ (*arrive*) on Tuesday.

3. We decide _____ (*go*) to the countryside this weekend.

4. They tolerate _____ (*smoke*) but they prefer people not to.

5. I pretended _____ (*be*) sick so I didn't have to go to work.

6. Can you imagine _____ (*live*) without TV?

7. Everyone hopes _____ (*live*) with family happily.

8. He denies _____ (*steal*) the money.

9. He claims _____ (*be*) a millionaire but I don't believe him.

10. I expect _____ (*be*) there about seven.

11. Julia avoids _____ (*answer*) the police officer's questions.

12. It seems _____ (*be*) rainy in Scotland.

13. Do you recall _____ (*meet*) her at the party last week?

14. She mentioned _____ (*go*) to the cinema.

15. The teenager refused _____ (*go*) on holiday with his parents.

16. She volunteers _____ (*do*) housework.

17. That criminal deserves _____ (*get*) a long sentence.

18. She completed _____ (*paint*) her flat.

19. We arranged _____ (*meet*) at four but at four thirty she still hadn't arrived.

20. I manage _____ (*come*) early if I can.

B. *Gerunds and infinitives – difference in meanings: put the verb into the gerund or the infinitive with 'to':*

1. I would like _____ (*see*) him tomorrow.
2. Stop _____ (*make*) that dreadful noise!
3. Mary loves _____ (*bathe*) in the sea.
4. I stopped for a moment _____ (*talk*) to him.
5. If his heart stops _____ (*beat*), he will die.
6. I couldn't sleep so I tried _____ (*drink*) some hot milk.
7. She tried _____ (*reach*) the book on the shelf but she was too short.
8. I hate _____ (*play*) rugby.
9. They like _____ (*listen*) to Taylor Swift's songs.
10. I remember _____ (*go*) to the opera for the first time when I was ten.
11. Did you remember _____ (*book*) the tickets for the opera?
12. She never stops _____ (*talk*) I wouldn't like _____ (*be*) her husband.
13. We stopped at the garage _____ (*get*) some petrol.
14. They tried _____ (*get*) to the party on time but the bus was delayed.
15. We tried _____ (*open*) the window, but it was so hot outside it didn't help.