

Gerunds and Infinitives

Write the right form of the verb in brackets. (Remember there can be compound forms)

1. There is no point _____ (pretend) that things will improve.
2. I regret _____ (inform) you that you have not passed.
3. I'm afraid he isn't very fond of _____ (help) others.
4. She stayed behind after school _____ (speak) to her teacher about her work.
5. This bad seems _____ (leave behind)
6. _____ (take) to see the play in the National Theatre appealed to them greatly.
7. _____ (leave) home was a difficult thing to do.
8. I am really looking forward to _____ (see) the ballet.
9. She suggested _____ (take) the train instead of the plane.
10. I'd rather _____ (not go) out tonight, if you don't mind.
11. Everyone wants _____ (take) seriously.
12. My parents made me _____ (study) for university and didn't let me _____ (apply) for art school.
13. I apologise for _____ (not write) to you before now.
14. I'm sorry but I'm not used to _____ (get) up so early in the morning.
15. The house appears _____ (break into).
16. Do you mind _____ (help) me with my homework?
17. I'm surprised at _____ (give) a prize as the best student. I hardly study!
18. I came here _____ (ask) you for some advice.
19. He encouraged me _____ (take) up piano classes.

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- 1-There is no point "pretending" (pretend) that things will improve.
- 2- I regret "to inform" (inform) you that you have not passed.
- 3- I'm afraid he isn't very fond of "helping" (help) others.
- 4- She stayed behind after school "to speak" (speak) to her teacher about her work.
- 5- This lad seems "to have been left behind" (leave behind)
- 6- " Being taken" (take) to see the play in the National Theatre appealed to them greatly.
- 7- "Leaving" (leave) home was a difficult thing to do.
- 8- I am really looking forward to "seeing" (see) the ballet.
- 9- She suggested "taking" (take) the train instead of the plane.
- 10- I'd rather "not go" (not go) out tonight, if you don't mind.
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- 19- He encouraged me "to take" (take) up piano classes.