



**LESSON:** 17  
**TOPIC:** INFINITIVE vrs. GERUND  
**TASK:** 1 of 1

**1. Choose the correct option:**

|  |                      |                   |                      |                   |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 My cousin stopped ... a few words with her gardener.                                   |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) to exchange   | b) exchanged         | c) exchange       | d) will exchange     | e) exchanging     |
| 2 President Roosevelt asked Archibald MacLeish ... as the Librarian of Congress.         |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) to be served  | b) had been served   | c) serving        | d) would serve       | e) to serve       |
| 3 Sometimes, people need ... the truth.  |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) have been told  | b) be telling        | c) are being told | d) to be told        | e) have told      |
| 4 We heard somebody ... the apartment.   |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) was entering  | b) enter             | c) entering       | d) to enter          | e) entered        |
| 5 I'm sorry ... your new watch. Will you forgive me?                                     |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) have broken   | b) to break          | c) break          | d) is breaking       | e) for breaking   |
| 6 Betty's favourite rainy-day pastime is ... pictures from old newspapers and magazines. |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) clipping  | b) clips             | c) to clip        | d) has clipped       | e) being clipping |
| 7 It's too late ... for the job. They've already found a teacher.                        |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) apply   | b) to apply          | c) applying       | d) have applied      | e) had applied    |
| 8 It can be difficult ... a jogging partner.   |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) finding   | b) be found          | c) will find      | d) have found        | e) to find        |
| 9 The company needs someone ... a programming supervisor.                                |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) to be   | b) will be           | c) having been    | d) being             | e) is             |
| 10 Jane remembered ... a lot about Mr. Smith.  |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) being told  | b) had been told     | c) was telling    | d) to have been told | e) to tell        |
| 11 I think she didn't mean ... you at all, you've just misunderstood her words.          |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) to hurt   | b) have hurt         | c) was hurt       | d) hurting           | e) hurt           |
| 12 He enjoys ... tennis and keeps on eating sensibly that's why he is fit.               |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) to play   | b) is playing        | c) have played    | d) playing           | e) play           |
| 13 By ... 1.500.000 tons of insects a year, birds greatly help American farming.         |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) ate   | b) eating            | c) having eaten   | d) to eat            | e) have eaten     |
| 14 Sam regretted ... his best friend lies.   |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) told  | b) had been told     | c) was told       | d) tell              | e) telling        |
| 15 It's difficult to live with them without ....   |                      |                   |                      |                   |
| a) have been hurt  | b) to have been hurt | c) being hurt     | d) hurt              | e) hurting        |

**2. Mark the sentences that have a mistake:**

- 1) Before to go out, please check all the windows.
- 2) I'm applying for a job. It means filling in this application form.
- 3) I forgot making a shopping list.
- 4) I regret telling her their secret.
- 5) She spends her free time to work the garden.
- 6) It is so wonderful seeing you here!
- 7) The lecturer closed the door and went on explaining the material.
- 8) Our team leader encourages working overtime.
- 9) He stopped to play baseball a year ago when he broke his arm.
- 10) It was hard for her finding a well-paid job at her age.

**3. Fill in the gaps with ONE suitable word:**

- 1) I offered ..... help my brother with homework in English.
- 2) The older students recalled ..... been taught that already.
- 3) We can't ..... asking people for any assistance possible.
- 4) I have an interest ..... becoming a painter.
- 5) ..... friends has become more difficult since I moved to a new city.



- 6) To be or ..... to be—that is the most quoted literature question.
- 7) I like ..... French because it's such a beautiful language.
- 8) I forgive you for not ..... the truth but never do such a thing again.
- 9) The course was detailed ..... widen his knowledge base.
- 10) I start my working day with ..... breakfast.

**4. Write out ONE ODD word in each sentence:**

- 1) Our flat needs us to be redecorated.
- 2) I braked to being avoid hitting the kids.
- 3) Your ideas deserve them being considered in detail.
- 4) I stopped be reading to look at the audience.
- 5) I am sorry to have been woken you up.
- 6) I get used to have a Rolls-Royce.
- 7) I cannot do but object to his proposal.
- 8) We are looking forward to be going on this exciting trip.
- 9) Josh is much afraid of breaking his leg if he jumps over the wall.
- 10) I tried to lift the case, but it was not too heavy for me to carry.