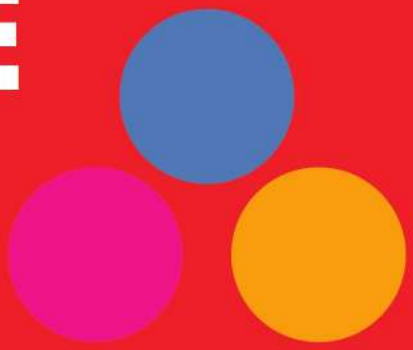
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Gerunds & Infinitives-1

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1. _____ fresh bread every morning is his job.

   (A) Baking
   (B) To baked
   (C) Bake
   (D) Bakes

2. He made a lot of money _____ and _____ houses.

   (A) buy, sell
   (B) buying, selling
   (C) to buy, to sell
   (D) to buy, selling

3. He is not used _____ on a boat.

   (A) sail
   (B) to sail
   (C) sailing
   (D) to sailing

4. We forced her _____ the medicine.

   (A) take
   (B) taking

(C) to take
(D) took

5. You had better _____ now.

(A) to leave
(B) leave
(C) leaving
(D) to leaving

6. _____ the burglar, the policeman radioed for help.

(A) Watch
(B) To watching
(C) To watch
(D) Watching

7. Don't eat the _____ food.

(A) spoil
(B) spoiling
(C) spoilt
(D) to spoil

8. The manager dismissed the clerk, _____ to do the work himself.

(A) preferring
(B) prefer
(C) to prefer
(D) to preferring

9. We hurried there only _____ everyone gone.

(A) find
(B) to find
(C) finding
(D) found

10. Please help me _____ the rat.

(A) catching
(B) caught
(C) to catching
(D) catch

ANSWER

1A 2B 3D 4C 5B 6D 7C 8A 9B 10D

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Gerunds & Infinitives-2

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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1. He received some _____ news.

   (A) disturb
   (B) to disturb
   (C) disturbing
   (D) disturbed

2. Everyone is eager _____ the class.

   (A) to attend
   (B) attending
   (C) attend
   (D) attended

3. I suggest _____ a search party.

   (A) to form
   (B) forming
   (C) form
   (D) to forming

4. Don't make him _____ such a naughty thing.

   (A) doing
   (B) done
   (C) to do
   (D) do

5. The _____ committee members received a round of applause.

   (A) elect
   (B) elected
   (C) electing
   (D) to elect

6. You were supposed _____ our permission.

   (A) to ask
   (B) asking
   (C) ask
   (D) asked

7. _____ with the job, we packed our tools.

   (A) To satisfy
   (B) Satisfy
   (C) Satisfied
   (D) Satisfying

8. He will let us _____ the typewriter.

   (A) use
   (B) using
   (C) to use
   (D) to using

9. I hope you do not mind _____ the table.

   (A) clear
   (B) to clear
   (C) clearing
   (D) to clearing

10. They used _____ on a ship.

    (A) to work
    (B) to working
    (C) work
    (D) worked

Answer

1C 2A 3B 4D 5B 6A 7C 8A 9C 10A

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-3

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Replace the incorrect very form with a gerund.

1. Help one's friends is a good habit to develop.
2. I don't remember went with you to the cinema that day.
3. I don't enjoy spend all my money on books and stationery.
4. Some old people face problems such as don't have homes.
5. Become old is a normal part of life so grow old graciously.
6. Drive a car is not as comfortable as travel by train.
7. Can't you help instead of just stand there ?
8. Have you finished write the letter to Aunt Rita ?
9. Who's going to do the cook ? I'm washing up today.
10. In spite of try so hard, I always make mistakes.

Answer

1. **Helping** one's friends is a good habit to develop.
2. I don't remember **going** with you to the cinema that day.
3. I don't enjoy **spending** all my money on books and stationery.
4. Some old people face problems such as **not having** homes.
5. **Becoming** old is a normal part of life so grow old graciously.
6. **Driving** a car is not as comfortable as **traveling** by train.
7. Can't you help instead of just **standing** there ?
8. Have you finished **writing** the letter to Aunt Rita ?
9. Who's going to do the **cooking** ? I'm washing up today.
10. In spite of **trying** so hard, I always make mistakes.

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Gerunds & Infinitives-4

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Complete the sentences with suitable gerunds.

1. During the holidays I always enjoy _____ in the hills.
2. He likes _____ stamps but I prefer _____ butterflies.
3. He is fond of _____ tricks on people.
4. She is good at _____ riddles.
5. _____ a dress always takes Millie a very long time.
6. He thinks that _____ is not a very good sport because innocent animals get killed.
7. _____ to play the violin takes many years.
8. I knew that _____ him was out of the question because his phone was disconnected.
9. That car is not worth _____. It's too old.
10. The doctor said my wrist needs _____ for a few days so I can't play tennis this week.

11. Your outside walls needs _____ but your walls inside are still clean.

12. _____ is a good form of exercise but you need a good pair of shoes.

13. Is it wise _____ extra food when you're not sure they're coming ?

14. That car is filthy. It needs _____.

15. My mother can't come to the phone now. She's busy _____.

Answer

1. walking
2. collecting, collecting
3. playing
4. solving
5. Sewing
6. hunting
7. Learning
8. calling
9. selling/repairing
10. resting
11. painting
12. Jogging/Running
13. cooking/buying
14. washing
15. cooking/sweeping

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-5

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Read the following sentences carefully and choose either the gerund or the infinitive to provide the correct meaning to the sentence

1. I regret (to say / saying) that you have failed your driving test.
2. On the way up to Los Angeles we stopped (to visit / visiting) my uncle.
3. Have you ever fried (to put / putting) a little more salt in your curry ?
4. I think you will regret (to tell / telling) him all of your secrets.
5. Can you remember (to visit / visiting) this town before ? I think, I can.
6. I will never forget (to see / seeing) the sea for the first time.
7. I tried (to see / seeing) you but your secretary said you weren't available.
8. I stopped (to play / playing) rugby after my serious injury.
9. Don't forget (to buy / buying) the newspaper; I want to see the soccer results.
10. Can you remember (to bring / bringing) home some eggs ? There are none left.

Answer

1. I regret **to say** that you have failed your driving test.
2. On the way up to Los Angeles we stopped **to visit** my uncle.
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Gerunds & Infinitives-6

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Complete the extract by providing the correct form of the verb in brackets. Remember you can choose a gerund, an infinitive or a bare infinitive.

Good evening. This is the nine o'clock news.

Fighting continues (1) _____ (rage) in Xeronia despite the attempts of the UN Secretary-General to bring the warring factions to a meeting. When interviewed today he said he had spent a considerable amount of time (2) _____ (discuss) the situation with the Commander of the UN peace-keeping force but they had decided not (3) _____ (intervene) in the fighting since they anticipated (4) _____ (meet) fierce resistance from both sides.

According to official sources, troops loyal to General Yores had managed (5) _____ (capture) two key positions but militia groups loyal to the freedom movement had attempted (6) _____ (retake) the position several times today.

In an interview this afternoon, General Yores denied (7) _____ (use) chemical weapons against the freedom fighters but would not (8) _____ (comment) on reports that his forces planned (9) _____ (mount) a huge offensive over the next 48 hours and that certain of his elite guard had volunteered (10) _____ (go) on suicide missions to kill key figures within the freedom movement.

Our special correspondent in Xeronia tried (11) _____ (talk) to members of the Central Committee of the freedom movement but security around them was so tight that we regret (12) _____ (say) that so far they have refused (13) _____ (see) any representatives of the international press. However, sources close to the Central Committee denied (14) _____ (lose) any positions today and reiterated that the freedom fighters would (15) _____ (fight) until the last man to liberate their beloved Xeronia.

And now, news o the latest space shuttle ...

Answer

Good evening. This is the nine o'clock news.

Fighting continues **to rage** in Xeronia despite the attempts of the UN Secretary-General to bring the warring factions to a meeting. When interviewed today he said he had spent a considerable amount of time **discussing** the situation with the Commander of the UN peace-keeping force but they had decided not **to intervene** in the fighting since they anticipated **meeting** fierce resistance from both sides.

According to official sources, troops loyal to General Yores had managed **to capture** two key positions but militia groups loyal to the freedom movement had attempted **to retake** the position several times today.

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Our special correspondent in Xeronia tried **to talk / talking**to members of the Central Committee of the freedom movement but security around them was so tight that we regret **to say** that so far they have refused **to see** any representatives of the international press. However, sources close to the Central Committee denied **losing** any positions today and reiterated that the freedom fighters would **fight**until the last man to liberate their beloved Xeronia.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-7

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Underline either the bare infinitive or the gerund in brackets to satisfactorily complete the sense of the following sentences.

1. When I went into the house I suddenly heard a man (shout / shouting) my name.
2. As we drove through the village we could hear the birds (sing / singing) merrily.
3. We sat on the beach and watched the fishermen (pull / pulling) in their nets. We bought some fish from them.
4. Alan heard the telephone (ring / ringing) so he jumped out of bed to answer it.
5. I went to watch my son (play / playing) football but had to go home before the end of the match.
6. As Rose was walking to the shop, she saw a terrible accident (happen / happening).
7. We listened to him (play / playing) his guitar. He actually plays very well.
8. We noticed her (go / going) into the bank. She came out a few seconds later with her husband.
9. I saw her (go / going) to work this morning but I haven't seen her since.
10. The witness claimed that he had seen the accused (shoot / shooting) her husband.

Answer

1. When I went into the house I suddenly heard a man (**shout** / shouting) my name.
2. As we drove through the village we could hear the birds (sing / **singing**) merrily.
3. We sat on the beach and watched the fishermen (**pull** / pulling) in their nets. We bought some fish from them.
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9. I saw her (go / **going**) to work this morning but I haven't seen her since.
10. The witness claimed that he had seen the accused (**shoot** / shooting) her husband.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-8

ENGLISH EXERCISE

Rajveer : 8619284712

Fill in the blanks with a gerund formed from the verb provided.

Example : In the evening, the retirees enjoy playing snooker.

1. _____ in moderation is the secret of a happy, healthy life. (live)
2. Although a foreigner, Sidney enjoys _____ the local delicacies. (eat)
3. _____ full attention in class will make you a good student. (pay)
4. My hobbies are _____ and _____ books. (read, write)
5. When writing an essay, you must refrain from _____ about the bush. (beat)
6. As for me, I prefer _____ snooker with my friends to _____ by the river. (play, fish)
7. _____ is one of the best forms of exercise for pensioners (walk)
8. _____ the environment is the concern of responsible citizens. (conserve)
9. Why don't you try _____ for the post ? You stand a good chance. (apply)
10. I find that _____ is a good form of relaxation. (read)

Answer

1. **Living** in moderation is the secret of a happy, healthy life.
2. Although a foreigner, Sidney enjoys **eating** the local delicacies.
3. **Paying** full attention in class will make you a good student.
4. My hobbies are **reading** and **writing** books.
5. When writing an essay, you must refrain from **beating** about the bush.
6. As for me, I prefer **playing** snooker with my friends to **fishing**by the river.
7. **Walking** is one of the best forms of exercise for pensioners.
8. **Conserving** the environment is the concern of responsible citizens.
9. Why don't you try **applying** for the post ? You stand a good chance.
10. I find that **reading** is a good form of relaxation.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-9

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Fill in the blanks with a present or past participle formed from the verb provided.

Example :
The damaged car was towed to the work shop.
We could see smoke coming out of the house.

1. The captain could hear the sailors _____ about the food. (complain)
2. _____ cold, Adam switched off the air-conditioning. (feel)
3. The passengers rushed out of the _____ bus in the nick of time. (burn)
4. Be careful. There are _____ pieces of glass on the ground. (break)
5. _____ by he noise, the teacher asked the whole class to stand up. (annoy)
6. _____ by the sudden appearance of the police, the thief fainted. (shock)
7. _____ beyond repair, the car was sold as scraps. (damage)
8. Anne sat down patiently _____ out the 2000 pieces of the jigsaw puzzle. (sort)
9. You can see many children _____ in the children's playground. (play)
10. The old man sat down on the chair _____ nonstop, _____ by the ghostly experience. (tremble, terrify)

Answer

1. The captain could hear the sailors **complaining** about the food.
2. **Feeling** cold, Adam switched off the air-conditioning.
3. The passengers rushed out of the **burning** bus in the nick of time.
4. Be careful. There are **broken** pieces of glass on the ground.
5. **Annoyed** by he noise, the teacher asked the whole class to stand up.
6. **Shocked** by the sudden appearance of the police, the thief fainted.
7. **Damaged** beyond repair, the car was sold as scraps.
8. Anne sat down patiently **sorting** out the 2000 pieces of the jigsaw puzzle.
9. You can see many children **playing** in the children's playground.
10. The old man sat down on the chair **trembling** nonstop,**terrified** by the ghostly experience.

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Gerunds & Infinitives-10

ENGLISH EXERCISE

Rajveer : 8619284712

Rewrite the following sentences using gerunds.

Her mother worried about (I; come) home late.
Her mother worried about **my coming** home late

1. I can understand (you; want) to go, but are you capable of (look) after yourself ?
2. A student sitting for an examination should rely on (study) and not on (guess).
3. Do you mind (he; smoke) a pipe ? He can't get used to (do) without a smoke after dinner.
4. His mother dislikes (he; nod) and (yawn) at breakfast time.
5. I hope that your uncle agrees to (you; come) to visit me. (See) you in person is better than (write) to you.
6. She is afraid of (Philip; lose) his way in the dark. But I heard (she; tell) him to bring a torch along.
7. The boy succeeded in (swim) the full length of the pool. Now he intends to make himself good at (dive).
8. Mother hates (us; eat) and (drink) between meals. But we can't help (do) so as we have been doing it ever since we were young.
9. (Teach) that class is a very hard task. Every teacher complains of (the pupils; make) far too much noise.
10. She couldn't resist (buy) those red apples.
11. There's no point in (urge) the lazy boy to run the errand for you. (Sleep) the whole day is all that he ever thinks of.
12. That mechanic is skilled at (repair) cars.
13. They objected to (us; leave) so soon, but we can't risk (leave) late as we have to catch the last bus home.
14. The blind are often skilful at (do) things with their hands.
15. He enjoys (rest) after (finish) his work.
16. I remember (she; borrow) a book from me, but I don't remember (she; return) it at all.

17. It's no use (hurry) to finish your work and (make) a mess of it in the end.
18. My father doesn't like the idea of (I; learn) to ride a motor-cycle although I keep (tell) him that I won't come to any harm on it.
19. I don't recollect (you; say) that you wanted to come. (Make) room for you now is going to be a problem.
20. They are intent on (get) as much money as they can for their club. (Wash) cars, (weed) gardens and (do) house-chores are all part of their campaign.

Answer

1. I can understand **your wanting** to go, but are you capable of **looking**after yourself ?
2. A student sitting for an examination should rely on **studying** and not on **guessing**.
3. Do you mind **his smoking** a pipe ? He can't get used to **doing**without a smoke after dinner.
4. His mother dislikes **his nodding** and **yawning** at breakfast time.
5. I hope that your uncle agrees to **your coming** to visit me. **Seeing** you in person is better than **writing** to you.
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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-11

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Give the gerund or the infinitive form of the verb in the brackets.

I don't remember (hear) you say that you wanted (come).
I don't remember **hearing** you say that you wanted **to come**.

1. If you like (sing), you should try (attend) our choir practices.
2. (Smoke) causes ill health. I'd advise you (give) up the habit.
3. The students who are sitting for the examination have been told (stop) (write).
4. Don't forget (get) the magazine back from him. I remember (lend) it to him a few weeks ago.
5. It is easier (say) something than (do) it; (say) it is one thing but (do) it is entirely different.
6. (Rise) early gives me sufficient time (take) a walk and also (cook) breakfast.
7. If you want (learn) (swim), you mustn't be afraid of the water.
8. It is delightful (watch) the (decorate) of the house.
9. It's no use (argue) with him. He will only refuse (help) us.
10. Remember (write) down all that you have seen on this trip.
11. (Learn) by (see) and (do) is a relative new approach taken by few countries.
12. They have made up their minds not (play) against that team.
13. She couldn't bear (part) from her family. She insisted on (come) home every week.
14. (Have) an aquarium at home has enabled the children (learn) many things about fish.
15. It's a waste of breath (talk) to her. She will not agree (help) us with this project.
16. (Memorize) each lesson is not a good way (study).
17. I hate (wait) for anyone. You must try (come) on time.
18. He did not forget (sign) the documents before (post) them.
19. As the girls were afraid of (explore) the big dark cave, the boys decided not (explore) it either.
20. Have you finished (eat) your lunch ? I have something here for you (repair).

Answer

1. If you like **singing**, you should try **attending** our choir practices.
2. **Smoking** causes ill health. I'd advise you **to give** up the habit.
3. The students who are sitting for the examination have been told **to stop writing**.
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5. It is easier **to say** something than **to do** it; **saying** it is one thing but**doing** it is entirely different.
6. **Rising** early gives me sufficient time **to take** a walk and also **to cook**breakfast.
7. If you want **to learn swimming**, you mustn't be afraid of the water.
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20. Have you finished **eating** your lunch ? I have something here for you **to repair**.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-12

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Use an appropriate participle form of the word in the brackets.

He is a very (talent) man.
He is a very **talented** man.

1. He took part in the (shoot) competition and won first prize.
2. We looked helplessly at the (burn) house.
3. The film that we saw last night was most (bore).
4. The (depress) man felt like killing himself.
5. He stepped on a piece of (break) bottle and cut his foot.
6. The (tatter) bag was thrown into the dustbin.
7. The language (speak) here is a mixture of Spanish and Urdu.
8. The glorious sunset is always an (inspire) sight.
9. The woman lifted the (cry) baby and rocked it in her arms.
10. I saw the children (play) at the playground.
11. The man (water) the plants is my uncle
12. I was glad to find my pupils (read) quietly in the library.
13. He looked around him fearfully, like a (frighten) animal.
14. I felt something (crawl) up my leg.
15. The girls, (bore) with their work, looked about them for something more interesting.
16. There's someone (sleep) on the couch. Shall we wake him up ?
17. That old seaman told us a most (amaze) story last night.
18. A (grow) child needs adequate food and sufficient hours of sleep.
19. He was (heartbreak) to find his house (burn) down to the ground.
20. The (escape) convict, (surround) by the police, decided to surrender.

Answer

1. He took part in the **shooting** competition and won first prize.
2. We looked helplessly at the **burning** house.
3. The film that we saw last night was most **boring**.
4. The **depressed** man felt like killing himself.
5. He stepped on a piece of **broken** bottle and cut his foot.
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7. The language **spoken** here is a mixture of Spanish and Urdu.
8. The glorious sunset is always an **inspiring** sight.
9. The woman lifted the **crying** baby and rocked it in her arms.
10. I saw the children **playing** at the playground.
11. The man **watering** the plants is my uncle
12. I was glad to find my pupils **reading** quietly in the library.
13. He looked around him fearfully, like a **frightened** animal.
14. I felt something **crawling** up my leg.
15. The girls, **bored** with their work, looked about them for something more interesting.
16. There's someone **sleeping** on the couch. Shall we wake him up ?
17. That old seaman told us a most **amazing** story last night.
18. A **growing** child needs adequate food and sufficient hours of sleep.
19. He was **heartbroken** to find his house **burnt** down to the ground.
20. The **escaped** convict, **surrounded** by the police, decided to surrender.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-13

ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Join each pair of sentences using a present or past participle.

The travelers were tired and hungry. They sat down for a rest.
Tired and hungry, the travelers sat down for a rest.

1. We stood on the balcony. We could see the whole park.
2. The old man was limping across the road. He was knocked down by a taxi.
3. She says that she can smell the rice. The rice is burning.
4. We were walking through the park. We saw a bed of lovely dahlias.
5. My father was stunned by the news. He could find no words to say.
6. Consider the position as a whole. Don't you think that the is much better off than before ?
7. He tripped over the bucket. The bucket contained water.
8. He was disgusted by what he saw. He averted his face.
9. He saw the farm-hand. He was setting fire to the barn.
10. The scuba dives found the wrecked launch. It was covered with weeds.
11. Alan saw that it was raining. He hunted around for his raincoat.
12. The dog was securely tied to the tree. It could only bark at the stranger.
13. She was born and bred in the country. She was bewildered by the sights in the city.
14. The woman looked about her perplexedly. She wondered where the children had disappeared to.
15. She hid her face in her hands. She was terrified by what she had seen
16. My work was all completed. I got ready to o home.
17. The concert was a great success. It was staged by the kindergarten children.
18. She tossed and turned in bed. She was thinking of the bleak future ahead.

19. Christmas Day is a holiday. We needn't go to the office.
20. We crossed the mountainous border. Malcolm acted as guide.

Answer

1. Standing on the balcony, we could see the whole park.
2. Limping across the road, the old man was knocked down by a taxi.
3. She says that she can smell the rice burning.
4. Walking through the park, we saw a bed of lovely dahlias.
5. Stunned by the news, my father could find no words to say.
6. Considering the position as a whole, don't you think that he is much better off than before ?
7. He tripped over the bucket containing water.
8. Disgusted by what he saw, he averted his face.
9. He saw the farm-hand setting fire to the barn.
10. The scuba divers found the wrecked launch covered with weeds.
11. Seeing that it was raining, Alan hunted around for his raincoat.
12. Securely tied to the tree, the dog could only bark at the stranger.
13. Born and bred in the country, she was bewildered by the sights of the city.
14. Looking about her perplexedly, the woman wondered where the children had disappeared to./ The woman looked about her perplexedly, wondering where the cildren had disappeared to.
15. She hid her face in her hands, terrified by what she had seen.
16. my work all completed, I got ready to go home.
17. The concert staged by the kindergarten children was a great success.
18. She tossed and turned in bed, thinking of the bleak future ahead.
19. Christmas Day being a holiday, we needn't go to the office.
20. We crossed the mountainous border, Malcolm acting as guide.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-14

ENGLISH EXERCISE

Rajveer : 8619284712

Replace the clauses with correct participial phrases.

I was very hungry as I had not eaten for almost two days.
I was very hungry, not having eaten for almost two days.

1. As he was feeling sleepy, he went to bed early.
2. As he was stunned by their words, he did not say a thing.
3. Since we had finished our work, we were allowed to have a short break.
4. I saw the actors and actresses who were preparing themselves for the final scene.
5. As we were cycling along the track, we saw a woodcutter.
6. The soldiers who were trained by this captain were very good fighters.
7. After he had washed the car, the boy wiped the windscreen.
8. I saw the lifeguard who was rescuing the swimmer.
9. We did not leave the house as we had been told not to do so.
10. As they had heard the story before they did not pay any attention.
11. The villagers, who had been warned of the enemy's approach, set up barricades outside the village.
12. As he saw that the weather was fine, he went out for a walk.
13. The construction workers, who had worked at tall buildings before, did not feel dizzy at all.
14. The man who was wanted by the police escaped to another country.
15. As he was determined to pass his examination, he studied very hard.
16. The children do not like fish that is cooked that way.
17. As he drove through the countryside, he saw fields and fields of corn.
18. As she is a sensitive person, she is easily hurt.
19. The woman who is giving away the prizes is the wife of the mayor.
20. The boys who were teasing the newcomer were told off roundly by the prefect.

Answer

1. Feeling sleepy, he went to bed.
2. Stunned by their words, he did not say a thing.
3. Having finished our work, we were allowed to have a short break.
4. I saw the actors and actresses preparing themselves for the final scene.
5. Cycling along the track, we saw a woodcutter.
6. The soldiers trained by this captain, were very good fighters.
7. Having washed the car, the boy wiped the windscreen.
8. I saw the lifeguard rescuing the swimmer.
9. We did not leave the house, having been told not to do so.
10. Having heard the story before, they did not pay any attention.
11. The villagers, having been warned of the enemy's approach, set up barricades outside the village.
12. Seeing that the weather was fine, he went out for a walk.
13. Having worked at tall buildings before, the construction workers did not feel dizzy at all.
14. The man, wanted by the police, escaped to another country.
15. Determined to pass his examination, he studied very hard.
16. The children do not like fish cooked that way.
17. Driving through the countryside, he saw fields and fields of corn.
18. Being a sensitive person, she is easily hurt.
19. The woman giving away the prizes, is the wife of the mayor.
20. The boys teasing the newcomer, were told off roundly by the prefect.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-15

ENGLISH EXERCISE

Rajveer : 8619284712

Rewrite the following sentences using gerunds

Do you mind (I, watch) you while you paint ?
Do you mind **my watching** you while you paint ?

1. I can't understand (he, trick) by a child.
2. They objected to (we, talk) about the incident.
3. She is anxious about (her brother, come) late for the appointment.
4. We didn't mind (they, look) through our work.
5. It really wasn't worth (we, stay) up so late to finish the work.
6. His recovery is past (pray) for.
7. You can't insist on (he, let) you off early when there's so much work to be done.
8. I know that your shirt needs (alter), but you can't keep (pester) me to do it now when I'm so busy.
9. (You, be) right this time doesn't mean you are right all the time.
10. Can't you recall (he, come) here the last time ?
11. I was afraid of (they, leave) on the tour without me.
12. That blind man is skilled at (weave) baskets. I really admire (he, work) at such a fast rate.
13. She resents (I, criticize) her work so often. She says I always provoke her into (lose) her temper.
14. He detested (the boys, push) him around but he didn't say anything for fear of (make) them angry.
15. I remember (I, give) you explicit instructions but I don't remember (you, carry) out all those instructions.
16. "Excuse (I, interrupt) you girls. Would you please stop (write) for a moment ?" the teacher asked.

17. Our parents have agreed to (we, camp) out in the open but they are still worried about (we, get) proper food.
18. I'm afraid of (the man, ask) me questions that I cannot answer. Would you mind (explain) everything to me ?
19. The waiter insisted on (we, pay) the bill there and then. He complained about (some customers, go) off without settling their bills.
20. "Would you mind (I, change) my seat in the class ?" I asked the monitor. "I'm tired of (sit)in the same place all the time."

Answer

1. I can't understand his being tricked by a child.
2. They objected to our/us talking about the incident.
3. She is anxious about her brother's coming late for the appointment.
4. We didn't mind their/them looking through our work.
5. It really wasn't worth our staying up so late to finish the work.
6. His recovery is past praying for.
7. You can't insist on his/him letting you off early when there's so much work to be done.
8. I know that your shirt needs altering, but you can't keep pestering me to do it now when I'm so busy.
9. Your being right this time doesn't mean you are right all the time.
10. Can't you recall his coming here the last time ?
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12. That blind man is skilled at weaving baskets. I really admire his working at such a fast rate.
13. She resents my criticizing her work so often. She says I always provoke her into losing her temper.
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19. The waiter insisted on our paying the bill there and then. He complained about some customers going off without settling their bills.
20. "Would you mind my changing my seat in the class ?" I asked the monitor. "I'm tired of sitting in the same place all the time."

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-16

ENGLISH EXERCISE

Rajveer : 8619284712

Reword each of the following sentences using a 'to'-infinitive

He worked hard **so that he might save** enough money to tour the world.
He worked hard **to save** enough money to tour the world.

1. That story sounds **as though it were** true.
2. I was told **that I must not leave** the room.
3. Have you got anything for us **that we can eat** ?
4. She hopes **that she will be chosen** to represent her school.
5. We must wait **till we hear** the results of the contest.
6. You will have to study had so **that you will pass** the examination.
7. The first person **who reaches** the finish line will be declared the winner.
8. Is there anything else **that we should discuss** ?
9. The girl did not expect **that she would get** the job
10. The poacher was warned **that he should not trespass** on the state again.
11. The doctor advised Mr Biggs **that he should not smoke**.
12. Will you promise **that you will not lose** this magazine ?
13. I hope **that I'll receive** the letter by tomorrow.
14. We understood what **needed doing** when the time came.
15. I expect **that I shall complete** writing the book by next Christmas.
16. The last person **who finished** had to stay behind to clean up the mess.
17. Amy was told **that she should not go** out alone in the dark.
18. She had to wait a long time **before buying** the tickets.
19. The boy scouts hope **that they will reach** the summit by nightfall.
20. It appears **that it is** an impossible task.

Answer

1. That story sounds to be true.
2. I was told not to leave the room.
3. Have you got anything for us to eat ?
4. She hopes to be chosen to represent her school.
5. We must wait to hear the results of the contest.
6. You will have to study hard to pass the examination.
7. The first person to reach the finish line will be declared the winner.
8. Is there anything else to discuss ?
9. The girl did not expect to get the job.
10. The poacher was warned not to trespass on the estate again.
11. The doctor advised Mr Biggs not to smoke.
12. Will you promise not to lose this magazine ?
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19. The boy scouts hope to reach the summit by nightfall.
20. It appears to be an impossible task.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-17

ENGLISH EXERCISE

Rajveer : 8619284712

Give the infinitive or the gerund form of the words in the brackets

(Gamble) will only lead you into debt. It would be better for you (give) it up.
Gambling will only lead you into debt. It would be better for you **to give**it up.

1. She paid the man some money for (translate) the letter.
2. The teacher made Robert stay behind (finish) his work.
3. I told them to start (read) and they began (read) aloud.
4. I would prefer (live) in the country at this time of the year.
5. If you can't get the lid off, try (heat) it.
6. I don't know how she managed (finish) making all these sandwiches in time.
7. She hates (drink) cold milk.
8. (Go) to sleep early enables me (get) up early too.
9. I don't remember (hear) you say that you had (go) too.
10. Did the manager remember (sign) the letters before (send) them off ?
11. (Read) a textbook is one thing; (remember) what you have read is another.
12. The doctor advised her (stop) (smoke), but she didn't bother (take) his advice.
13. I enjoy (rest) in the afternoon, but these days I don't seem (have) the time (rest).
14. The children love (play) in the rain but their mothers usually won't allow them (do) so.
15. We went backstage (watch) the actors. (Watch) them from behind the scenes is more interesting than(watch) from the hall.
16. There's no (tell) what would happen if we were (mix) this chemical with that one.
17. I tried (grow) tomatoes in my garden once, but I wasn't very successful. (Grow) them was more difficult than I had thought.
18. If you want (learn) (parachute), you must be brave enough (take) the risks.
19. "I want you (rehearse) the play now," she said. "I won't mind (stay) behind (direct) you."
20. I dislike (peel) onions because they cause my eyes (water). I wish I didn't have (peel) them before (cook) them.

Answer

1. She paid the man some money for **translating** the letter.
2. The teacher made Robert stay behind **to finish** his work.
3. I told them to start **reading** and they began **to read** aloud.
4. I would prefer **living** in the country at this time of the year.
5. If you can't get the lid off, try **heating** it.
6. I don't know how she managed **to finish** making all these sandwiches in time.
7. She hates **drinking** cold milk.
8. **Going** to sleep early enables me **to get** up early too.
9. I don't remember **hearing** you say that you had **to go** too.
10. Did the manager remember **to sign** the letters before **sending** them off ?
11. **Reading** a textbook is one thing; **remembering** what you have read is another.
12. The doctor advised her **to stop smoking**, but she didn't bother **to take** his advice.
13. I enjoy **resting** in the afternoon, but these days I don't seem **to have** the time **to rest**.
14. The children love **playing** in the rain but their mothers usually won't allow them **to do** so.
15. We went backstage **to watch** the actors. **Watching** them from behind the scenes is more interesting than **watching** from the hall.
16. There's no **telling** what would happen if we were **to mix** this chemical with that one.
17. I tried **growing** tomatoes in my garden once, but I wasn't very successful. **Growing** them was more difficult than I had thought.
18. If you want **to learn to parachute**, you must be brave enough **to take** the risks.
19. "I want you **to rehearse** the play now," she said. "I won't mind **staying**behind **to direct** you."
20. I dislike **peeling** onions because they cause my eyes **to water**. I wish I didn't have **to peel** them before **cooking** them.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-18

ENGLISH EXERCISE

Rajveer : 8619284712

Rewrite the following sentences using the Perfect Infinitive

He is to go there too.
He was to have gone there too.

1. You ought to do better.
2. I am to see him as soon as possible.
3. Your friend ought to warn you.
4. I suppose that I ought to obey orders.
5. The football match is to start at four o'clock.
6. They ought to come much earlier.
7. She is supposed to do this another way.
8. You are to report this matter to the police.
9. She ought to know better than that !
10. Your work ought to be completed by now.
11. The rooms are to be tidied regularly.
12. We ought to be more careful.
13. The meeting is to be held in this hall.
14. I ought to receive the letter by Wednesday.
15. She ought to make that sign bigger.
16. She will love to hear that joke.
17. I suppose I ought to be more tactful.
18. They ought not to do that.
19. He is to leave on the midnight express.
20. The new clerk is to file all letters.

Answer

1. You ought to have done better.
2. I have to see him as soon as possible.
3. Your friend ought to have warned you.
4. I suppose that I ought to have obeyed orders.
5. The football match is to have started at four o'clock.
6. They ought to have come much earlier.
7. She is supposed to have done this another way.
8. You are to have reported this matter to the police.
9. She ought to have known better than that !
10. Your work ought to have been completed by now.
11. The rooms are to have been tidied regularly.
12. We ought to have been more careful.
13. The meeting is to have been held in this hall.
14. I ought to have received the letter by Wednesday.
15. She ought to have made that sign bigger.
16. She will love to have heard that joke.
17. I suppose I ought to have been more tactful.
18. They ought not to have done that.
19. He is to have left on the midnight express.
20. The new clerk is to have filed all letters.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-19

ENGLISH EXERCISE

Rajveer : 8619284712

Fill in each of the blanks with the correct gerund, present or past participle, or infinitive of the words in brackets.

1. _____ essays is a good way to improve one's English. (write)
2. Despite his age, the old man enjoys _____ daily. (jog)
3. _____ by the scream, I went out to investigate. (disturb)
4. I am trying to recover my _____ coins in the drain. (lose)
5. It si difficult to take photographs on a _____ bus. (move)
6. You need _____ the damaged parts of your car. (replace)
7. It is too late for us _____ the heart patient. (help)
8. We noticed a stranger _____ out of the bungalow. (run)
9. After retirement, my pastime is _____ after my grandchildren. (look)
10. The _____ glasses are swept into the drain. (break)
11. _____ by the explosion, the crowd ran helter-skelter. (Terrify)
12. The visitors watched the monkeys _____ from tree to tree. (swing)
13. We were all speechless, _____ what the magician will do next. (wonder)
14. The lady _____ a red T-shirt is the badminton champion. (wear)
15. _____ by the feat, the spectators gave a round of applause. (Thrill)

Answer

1. **Writing** essays is a good way to improve one's English.
2. Despite his age, the old man enjoys **jogging** daily.
3. **Disturbed** by the scream, I went out to investigate.
4. I am trying to recover my **lost** coins in the drain.
5. It si difficult to take photographs on a **moving** bus.
6. You need **to replace** the damaged parts of your car.
7. It is too late for us **to help** the heart patient.
8. We noticed a stranger **running** out of the bungalow.
9. After retirement, my pastime is **looking** after my grandchildren.
10. The **broken** glasses are swept into the drain.
11. **Terrified** by the explosion, the crowd ran helter-skelter.
12. The visitors watched the monkeys **swinging** from tree to tree.
13. We were all speechless, **wondering** what the magician will do next.
14. The lady **wearing** a red T-shirt is the badminton champion.
15. **Thrilled** by the feat, the spectators gave a round of applause.

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GERUNDS & INFINITIVES-20

ENGLISH EXERCISE

Rajveer : 8619284712

Fill in the blanks with the bare infinitive

The librarian made me _____ the books the next day.
The librarian made me **return** the books the next day.

1. The policeman would not let us _____ more than two abreast.
2. Did you watch him _____ up that tall tree ?
3. The class monitor will _____ the books tomorrow.
4. She felt her heart _____ faster when she heard strange noises outside.
5. Everyone must _____ the exercise in an hour's time.
6. The clerk made them _____ while she contacted the manager in the office.
7. May I _____ my lunch with you ?
8. Those poor farmers cannot _____ to buy expensive machines for their farms.
9. You should _____ at the map more carefully so that you can _____ it to scale.
10. The door would not _____ no matter how he tried to open it.
11. Nobody heard me _____ for help. I shan't _____ into that building again.
12. She let us _____ all the pears in the basket.
13. They will _____ if you explain the whole situation to them.
14. Do you _____ a pair of binoculars to lend me ?
15. You needn't _____ worried. Hagel won't _____ you of your money.
16. We might _____ in time for the show if we hurried.

Answer

1. The policeman would not let us **cycle** more than two abreast.
2. Did you watch him **climb** up that tall tree ?
3. The class monitor will **collect** the books tomorrow.
4. She felt her heart **beat** faster when she heard strange noises outside.
5. Everyone must **finish** the exercise in an hour's time.
6. The clerk made them **wait** while she contacted the manager in the office.
7. May I **have** my lunch with you ?
8. Those poor farmers cannot **afford** to buy expensive machines for their farms.
9. You should **look** at the map more carefully so that you can **draw** it to scale.
10. The door would not **open** no matter how he tried to open it.
11. Nobody heard me **call** for help. I shan't **go** into that building again.
12. She let us **have** all the pears in the basket.
13. They will **understand** if you explain the whole situation to them.
14. Do you **have** a pair of binoculars to lend me ?
15. You needn't **have** worried. Hagel won't **cheat/rob** you of your money.
16. We might **be** in time for the show if we hurried.