

## Gerunds and Infinitives

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#### Part A: Multiple Choice

1. T or F A gerund is the -ing form of a verb used as a noun.
2. What part of speech is the underlined word?  
Susan is writing a letter to her friends.  
A. Verb  
B. Noun  
C. Adjective
3. What part of speech is the underlined word?  
Writing a letter to her friends is Susan's hobby.  
A. Verb  
B. Noun  
C. Adjective
4. What part of speech is the underlined word?  
Susan shared some surprising news.  
A. Verb  
B. Noun  
C. Adjective
5. What part of speech is the underlined word?  
The student swimming in the lake is a lifeguard.  
A. Verb  
B. Noun  
C. Adjective
6. The students discussed about \_\_\_\_\_ the midterm exam next week.  
A. to take  
B. taking
7. The worker finished all his assignments \_\_\_\_\_ his efforts with other co-workers.  
A. by coordinating  
B. to coordinate
8. Read each sentence:  
Example 1: Tom stopped smoking many years ago.  
Example 2: After the first two hours of work, Tom stopped to smoke.  
Which example suggests that Tom no longer smokes?  
A. Example 1  
B. Example 2
9. Last Summer in July, Larry \_\_\_\_\_ in the Pacific Ocean.

- A. went to swimming
- B. goes swimming
- C. goes to swim
- D. went swimming

10. Upon entering the room, I found George\_\_\_\_\_my personal computer.

- A. to steal
- B. stole
- C. stealing
- D. stolen

11. The professor reminded students\_\_\_\_\_in their research papers on Friday.

- A. turning
- B. to turn
- C. turn
- D. turned

12. What is the difference in meaning between example A and example B?

Example A: It began snowing in the mountains at 2:00 AM.

Example B: It began to snow in the mountains at 2:00 AM.

- A. First, it snowed, and then it was 2:00 AM.
- B. First, it was 2:00 AM, and then it snowed.
- C. There is no difference in meaning.

13. We regret\_\_\_\_\_when the firefighters ordered. They were wise in asking us to leave when they did.

- A. no evacuating
- B. not evacuating
- C. not to evacuate
- D. not evacuation

14. Sharon doesn't remember\_\_\_\_\_John at the party.

- A. to meet
- B. meeting

15. Do the students understand her\_\_\_\_\_school\_\_\_\_\_her dying father.

- A. leaving, to visit
- B. to leave, visiting
- C. leave, visit

16. The doctor advised her\_\_\_\_\_regularly.

- A. to exercise
- B. exercising

17. Having worked hard over the last six months, Kenneth deserves\_\_\_\_\_first prize.

- A. winning
- B. to win

18. It is not easy\_\_\_\_\_a new language, especially for an adult.

- A. to learn
- B. learn
- C. to learning

19. Which word needs to be rewritten in order for the sentence to be correct?

I went to the library for begin my research project.

- A. went
- B. the
- C. library
- D. begin
- E. project

20. My family stopped at the bank\_\_\_\_\_some money.

- A. to deposit
- B. for deposit
- C. depositing

21. The supervisor is always happy\_\_\_\_\_his co-workers.

- A. to help
- B. help
- C. to helping

22. A Siberian Husky is strong enough\_\_\_\_\_when the temperature gets ultra-cold.

- A. surviving
- B. to survive

23. I went to the game yesterday. Therefore, I feel fortunate\_\_\_\_\_able to see the Angels play against the Boston Red Sox.

- A. have been
- B. to have been
- C. having been

24. The house is messy. It needs\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to cleaning
- B. clean
- C. to clean
- D. to be cleaned

25. I will no longer permit\_\_\_\_\_my car without a license.

- A. you drove
- B. to drive
- C. to have driven
- D. your driving

26. I watched the fire\_\_\_\_\_in the mountains.

- A. burning
- B. to burn

27. My friend helped me\_\_\_\_\_my car.

- A. washing
- B. wash
- C. to have washed

28. After I saw the leaking faucet below the kitchen sink, I had a plumber\_\_\_\_\_the problem.

- A. to have fixed
- B. fixing
- C. fix

## Part B: Writing Exercises

29. (20 points) Create a sentence from the given words, using any tense and subject.

Enjoy + listen to music \_\_\_\_\_

30. (20 points) Report what someone said by using the verb in parenthesis to introduce an infinitive phrase.

Example: The professor said to Alan, "You may leave early."

Allow): The professor allowed Alan to leave early.

My supervisor said to me, "Come to the meeting at noon."

Ask) \_\_\_\_\_

31. (10 points) Supply an appropriate form, gerund or infinitive, of the verbs in parenthesis.

Mark decided (change) \_\_\_\_\_ his topic on his research paper and  
(get) \_\_\_\_\_ permission from his professor to write on a new topic.

32. (20 points) Complete the sentence with an infinitive phrase.

It is  
difficult \_\_\_\_\_

33. (20 points) Complete the sentences, using the expression in parenthesis and your own words. Use an infinitive phrase in your completion.

Example: Maria always speeds on the freeway. (Certain) She's certain to get a ticket by the police.

John's family is planning a birthday party for him.

(Surprise) \_\_\_\_\_

34. (20 points) Complete the sentence with your own words. The sentence should contain a gerund or an infinitive.

Your not wanting \_\_\_\_\_

35. (10 points) Complete the sentence with a verb phrase.

You shouldn't let people other people \_\_\_\_\_

36. (20 points) Correct the errors.

Stop tell me how to do my homework! I know what am I doing.

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# Answer Key

1. T
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. A
9. D
10. C
11. B
12. C
13. B
14. B
15. A
16. A
17. B
18. A
19. D
20. A
21. A
22. B
23. B
24. D
25. D
26. A
27. B
28. C

## Possible Answers

- 29. I enjoy listening to music.
- 30. My supervisor asked me to come to the meeting at noon.
- 31. to change/changing; to get/getting
- 32. It is difficult to learn a new language.
- 33. John is surprised to have a birthday party planned by his family.
- 34. Your not wanting to come to work on time may cause you to get fired.
- 35. You should not let other people tell you what to do.
- 36. Stop telling me how to do my homework! I know what I am doing.

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