

Chapter 9: Gerunds and Infinitives

TRUE/FALSE

The two sentences have the same meaning. Mark T or F.

1. I stopped to listen to Carla's ideas.
I stopped listening to Carla's ideas.
2. It's interesting for us to see the old photos.
It's interesting to see the old photos.
3. I expect to be visited by my neighbor tomorrow.
I expect to visit my neighbor tomorrow.
4. It's fun to learn to drive.
Learning to drive is fun.
5. After living in Cairo, I became interested in Middle Eastern culture.
After having lived in Cairo, I became interested in Middle Eastern culture.
6. Is Kim afraid to stay alone at night?
Does staying alone at night frighten Kim?
7. I forgot to buy the wool rugs.
I forgot buying the wool rugs.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct response to complete each conversation.

1. A: Sally is hoping to be driven to the party.
B: I don't mind. _____
 - a. She can drive us.
 - b. She'll get us there safely.
 - c. We can take her.
2. A: She hopes to be given the test results on Friday.
B: _____
 - a. Who's going to give them to her?
 - b. She can't give the results herself.
 - c. Maybe she'll give them earlier.
3. A: The company is reported to have been one of the most profitable in North America.

- B: _____
- a. I wonder why their sales have fallen.
 - b. How long have you worked for the company?
 - c. I think the company reports its own profits.
4. A: Sorry I didn't call sooner. I stopped checking e-mail.
 B: That explains it. _____
- a. You didn't see my message.
 - b. You got busy reading all your messages.
 - c. I thought you had e-mail.
5. A: I'm having difficulty reading this handwriting.
 B: _____
- a. You should try reading it.
 - b. Maybe I can help you.
 - c. I'm not a strong reader either.
6. A: Ben's attorney encouraged him not to lie.
 B: _____
- a. I hope Ben doesn't listen to him. He shouldn't lie!
 - b. That seems like very sensible advice.
 - c. Why does Ben want his attorney to lie?
7. A: Did you remember meeting Sam?
 B: _____
- a. Oh I completely forgot! I should call him immediately.
 - b. I expect to have met him by Friday.
 - c. Not at first, but then I remembered.

Choose the correct word or words to complete each sentence.

8. Please remember _____ for milk on your way home.
- a. stopping
 - b. to stop
 - c. to be stopping
 - d. to have stopped
9. Jim finally quit _____ about other people's impression of his work.
- a. to worry
 - b. worrying
 - c. to be worrying
 - d. to have worried
10. The thought of _____ over is not appealing, so let's get it right the first time.
- a. to start
 - b. having started
 - c. having to start
 - d. having
11. Don't spend a lot of time _____ about details yet.
- a. to think
 - b. to be thinking
 - c. having to think
 - d. thinking
12. It's possible _____ a seat in the first row if you book early.
- a. getting
 - b. to get
 - c. to have gotten
 - d. having gotten

- b. to be getting
d. to get
13. There were some marks on the wall, but they seemed _____.
a. to vanish
c. to have vanished
b. vanishing
d. having vanished
14. The suspects are believed _____ east, so all officers east of the city should be alert.
a. to be heading
c. to head
b. heading
d. having headed
15. The watch appears _____ during business hours.
a. to be stealing
c. to have stolen
b. to steal
d. to have been stolen
16. You'll see a gold flashing sign and the theater will be on your left. It's impossible _____ it.
a. to miss
c. to have missed
b. missing
d. to be missing
17. Nathan is great in the show. _____ acting is fantastic. Try to get tickets!
a. He
c. Him
b. His
d. Its
18. I'm _____ losing my ticket, so please hold it for me.
a. afraid
c. afraid of
b. afraid to
d. afraid for
19. I _____ to return by 7 o'clock.
a. am interested in
c. have a hard time
b. expect
d. can't imagine
20. Some of the consultants are willing _____ by the hour instead of the day, so if hourly rates are easier for the accounts, let's pay them that way.
a. paying
c. to have paid
b. to pay
d. to be paid
21. Let's go. Sarah just wants _____ alone.
a. to be
c. to have been left
b. being
d. being left
22. If Oleg isn't doing a good job, he needs _____.
a. to tell
c. telling
b. to be told
d. being told
23. I really dislike _____ so much work on Friday afternoon, but I'll do it before I go.
a. to be given
c. giving
b. to have been given
d. being given

24. I hope _____ by a multinational company after I graduate.
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| a. to hire | c. hiring |
| b. to be hired | d. being hired |
25. How do you feel about _____ New York? Are you sad?
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| a. leaving | c. being left |
| b. to leave | d. to have been left |

COMPLETION

Complete the sentences with the gerund or infinitive of the words in parentheses.

1. Did you remember _____ (mail) the letters? If not, I'll take them because I'm going out.
2. I'll never forget _____ (meet) Ivan on time again. He left without me!
3. I must not have brought the papers home. I don't remember _____ (put) them in my briefcase.
4. Larry is excited about _____ (move) to Paris.
5. It's important for managers _____ (communicate) effectively with the people they supervise.
6. I have a hard time _____ (understand) why John is so negative about his job.
7. _____ (Not / turn in) your assignments on time is the fastest way to annoy Professor Gladden.
8. I forget _____ (tell) you about this! I'm sorry I repeated it all again.
9. I expect you _____ (not / laugh) when I tell you this!
10. It's important _____ (not / leave) the lights on at night.

SHORT ANSWER

Read these sentences. Rewrite them using an object pronoun + a gerund or an object pronoun + an infinitive. Pay attention to the underlined words.

1. She talks so quickly. It makes me confused.
2. She becomes careless. I expect it.
3. He stopped by the office in the afternoon. I advised it.
4. He arrives late. I don't like it.
5. They didn't take the class. I encouraged it.

Correct the errors in the sentences. Each sentence contains one error.

6. Most popular classes tend filling up within a few days of the beginning of the term.
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7. He is afraid of being not accepted by a top college.
8. Angela enjoys traveling, meeting people from different countries, and to learn new languages.
9. Skiing and snowboarding seems very dangerous.
10. I'm interested in taking more science classes and to switch my major.

ESSAY

Write an essay using one of these topics.

1. Write two paragraphs about how to succeed as a student of English. In the first paragraph, describe the attitude and behavior required to be a successful student. In the second paragraph, describe your current situation as a student. Include details about your techniques for succeeding at your English studies.
2. Write two paragraphs about your preferences for a working environment. In the first paragraph, describe your working style. Include details about what you are willing to do, what you find difficult, or what you appreciate in your work. Include details about co-workers' attitudes, the working facilities, and the type of work. In the second paragraph, describe the types of things you hope or expect to find in the workplace of your next job.
3. Write two paragraphs about a time when you avoided doing something. In the first paragraph, describe what you avoided doing, and include details about why. In the second paragraph, describe the consequences of your avoiding this action. Include details about what you may have learned, either about yourself or about someone else, from this situation.

Chapter 9: Answer Key

TRUE/FALSE

1. F
2. T
3. F
4. T
5. T
6. T
7. F

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

COMPLETION

1. to mail
2. to meet
3. putting
4. moving
5. to communicate
6. understanding
7. Not turning in
8. telling

9. not to laugh
10. not to leave

SHORT ANSWER

1. Her talking so quickly makes me confused.
2. I expect her to become careless.
3. I advised him to stop by the office in the afternoon.
4. I don't like his arriving late.
5. I encouraged them not to take the class.
6. Most popular classes tend to fill up within a few days of the beginning of the term
7. He is afraid of not being accepted by a top college.
8. Angela enjoys traveling, meeting people from different countries, and learning new languages.
9. Skiing and snowboarding seem very dangerous.
10. I'm interested in taking more science classes and switching my major.

ESSAY

1. Answers will vary
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3. Answers will vary.