

Exercises

1. Put the verb into the correct form:

1. I don't fancy GOING (go) out tonight.
2. She avoided TELLING (tell) him about her plans.
3. I would like TO COME (come) to the party with you.
4. He enjoys HAVING (have) a bath in the evening.
5. She kept TALKING (talk) during the film.
6. I am learning TO SPEAK (speak) English.
7. Do you mind GIVING (give) me a hand?
8. She helped me (TO) CARRY (carry) my suitcases.
9. I've finished COOKING (cook). Come and eat!
10. He decided TO STUDY (study) Biology.
11. I dislike WAITING (wait).
12. He asked TO COME (come) with us.
13. I promise TO HELP (help) you tomorrow.
14. We discussed GOING (go) to the cinema, but in the end we stayed at home.
15. She agreed TO BRING (bring) the pudding.
16. I don't recommend TAKING (take) the bus, it takes forever!
17. We hope TO VISIT (visit) Amsterdam next month.
18. She suggested GOING (go) to the museum.
19. They plan TO START (start) college in the autumn.
20. I don't want TO LEAVE (leave) yet.

2. Put the verb into the gerund or the infinitive with 'to':

1. She delayed GETTING (get) out of bed.
2. He demanded TO SPEAK (speak) to the manager.
3. I offered TO HELP (help).
4. I miss GOING (go) to the beach.
5. We postponed DOING (do) our homework.
6. I'd hate TO ARRIVE (arrive) too late.
7. She admitted STEALING (steal) the money.
8. I chose TO WORK (work) here.
9. She waited TO BUY (buy) a drink.
10. I really appreciate BEING (be) on holiday.

11. I couldn't help LAUGHING (laugh).
12. It seems TO BE (be) raining.
13. I considered MOVING (move) to Spain.
14. They practised SPEAKING (speak).
15. Finally I managed TO FINISH (finish) the work.
16. I really can't stand WAITING (wait) for the bus.
17. Unfortunately, we can't afford TO BUY (buy) a new car this year.
18. She risked BEING (be) late.
19. I'd love TO COME (come) with you.
20. I prepared TO GO (go) on holiday.

3. Put the verb into the gerund or the infinitive with 'to':

1. It appears TO BE (be) raining.
2. We intend TO GO (go) to the countryside this weekend.
3. I pretended TO BE (be) sick so I didn't have to go to work.
4. Can you imagine LIVING (live) without TV?
5. They tolerate SMOKING (smoke) but they prefer people not to.
6. I anticipate ARRIVING (arrive) on Tuesday.
7. A wedding involves NEGOTIATING (negotiate) with everyone in the family.
8. He denies STEALING (steal) the money.
9. He claims TO BE (be) a millionaire but I don't believe him.
10. I expect TO BE (be) there about seven.
11. Julia reported SEEING (see) the boys to the police.
12. It tends TO RAIN (rain) a lot in Scotland.
13. Do you recall MEETING (meet) her at the party last week?
14. She mentioned GOING (go) to the cinema, but I don't know what she decided to do in the end.
15. The teenager refused TO GO (go) on holiday with his parents.
16. I understand BEING (be) late once or twice, but every day is too much!
17. I would prefer you TO COME (come) early if you can.
18. That criminal deserves TO GET (get) a long sentence.
19. She completed PAINTING (paint) her flat.
20. We arranged TO MEET (meet) at four but at four thirty she still hadn't arrived.

Gerund or Infinitive - Exercise 1

- 1) A lot of people are worried about **losing** their jobs. (lose)
- 2) He agreed **to buy** a new car. (buy)
- 3) The question is easy **to answer** (answer)
- 4) Not everybody can afford **to go** to university. (go)
- 5) I look forward to **seeing** you at the weekend. (see)
- 6) Are you thinking of **visiting** London? (visit)
- 7) He apologized for **arriving** so late. (arrive)
- 8) Stop **making** noise, please; I'm studying. (make)
- 9) She doesn't mind **working** the night shift. (work)
- 10) I learned **to ride** the bike at the age of 5. (ride)

Gerund or Infinitive - Exercise 2

- 1) We decided **to buy** a new car. (buy)
- 2) I regret **to tell** you we won't lend you the money. (tell)
- 3) Peter gave up **smoking**. (smoke)
- 4) He'd like **to fly** an aeroplane. (fly)
- 5) I enjoy **writing** picture postcards. (write)
- 6) He offered **to help** help with the cleaning. (help)
- 7) Avoid **making** silly mistakes. (make)
- 8) My parents wanted me **to be** home at 11 o'clock. (be)
- 9) I dream about **building** a big house. (build)
- 10) He advised me **not to spend** so much money. (not spend)

1 Fill the gaps with the verb in brackets in the appropriate form.

- 1 I can't stand **waiting** in queues. (to wait)
- 2 I wouldn't like **to be** in his shoes. (to be)
- 3 Jim loves **working/to work** in Thailand. (to work)
- 4 I hate **doing/to do** the shopping on Saturday. (to do)
- 5 Blast! I forgot **to buy** milk. (to buy)
- 6 In the end we decided **to stay** in. (to stay)
- 7 I need **to find** some information about Portugal. (to find)
- 8 My parents like **going/to go** for long walks at the weekend. (to go)
- 9 Tony gave up **smoking** years ago. (to smoke)
- 10 I wanted **to go** and see Troy but no one else was interested. (to go)

- 11 Mrs Leith offered **to take** us to the airport. (to take)
- 12 Clare refused **to clean** clean up after the party. (to help)
- 13 I tried **to persuade** him to come but it was no use. (to persuade)
- 14 Do you mind not **smoking**? (to smoke)
- 15 Everybody really enjoyed **dancing** the cha-cha-cha. (to dance)
- 16 Lionel admitted **eating** my chocolate mousse. (to eat)

1 Use the verbs in brackets to fill the gaps.

- 1 We arranged **to meet** under the station clock at half nine. (to meet)
- 2 I always try to avoid **seeing** him whenever I can. (to see)
- 3 I long **to be** in Scotland again. (to be)
- 4 My Mum demanded **to see** the manager. (to see)
- 5 My brother denied **eating** my chocolate mousse. Maybe his hamster ate it. (to eat)
- 6 I tried **to understand** but I just couldn't. (to understand)
- 7 In the end I gave up **trying** to persuade her. (to try)
- 8 Charlie was pretending **to be** a chicken. (to be)
- 9 They chose **to stay** in a cheap hotel but spend more money on meals. (to stay)
- 10 We like Galicia so much that we keep **going** back there. (to go)
- 11 He deserves **to be** severely punished. (to be)
- 12 When we visit my aunt, they expect me **to be** on my best behaviour. (to be)
- 13 I didn't mean **to hurt** her feelings. I'm really sorry. (to hurt)
- 14 I always put off **doing** my homework until the last possible moment. (to do)
- 15 He goes on **telling** me the same thing over and over again. (to tell)
- 16 I can't stand **waiting** in the queue at the baker's. (to wait)
- 17 The firemen managed **to put out** the fire pretty quickly. (to put out)
- 18 I never risk **going** through that part of town. (to go)
- 19 Clare offered **to take** me to the airport, which was very kind of her. (to take)
- 20 Dad threatened **to stop** my pocket money if I didn't do my homework. (to stop)