

7 Gerund, infinitive and participles

75 The gerund

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Put the verbs in brackets into the gerund.

- 1 He gave up (gamble).
- 2 Try to avoid (make) him angry.
- 3 Stop (argue) and start (work).
- 4 The children prefer (watch) TV to (read).
- 5 I am against (make) any complaints.
- 6 It's no use (cry) over spilt milk. (*proverb*)
- 7 I suggest (hold) another meeting next week.
- 8 He finished (speak) and sat down.
- 9 He was fined for (drive) without lights.
- 10 It is difficult to get used to (eat) with chopsticks.
- 11 If you can't turn the key try (put) some oil in the lock.
- 12 He lost no time in (get) down to work.
- 13 You can't make an omelette without (break) eggs. (*proverb*)
- 14 We are looking forward to (read) your new book.
- 15 They escaped by (slide) down ropes made of blankets.
- 16 They don't allow (smoke) in here.
- 17 He is thinking of (leave) his job and (go) to America.
- 18 After (read) this article you will give up (smoke).
- 19 If you put your money into that business you risk (lose) every penny.
- 20 Imagine (live) with someone who never stops (talk).
- 21 Is there anything here worth (buy)?
- 22 He was accused of (leak) classified information to the press.
- 23 You'd better consult your lawyer before (decide) to buy the property.
- 24 I don't enjoy (go) to the dentist.
- 25 Would you mind (put) your pet snake somewhere else?
- 26 The hostages were rescued without a shot (be) fired.
- 27 By (work) day and night he succeeded in (finish) the job in time.
- 28 He has a scheme for (make) grass grow in winter.
- 29 I don't feel like (work); what about (go) to a disco instead?
- 30 Would you mind (write) your name and address on the back of the cheque?
- 31 If a thing is worth (do) at all it is worth (do) well. (*proverb*)

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- 32 I hate (borrow) money.
33 He was furious at (be) mistaken for an escaped convict.
34 After (talk) for ten minutes I succeeded in (convince) him that there was no danger.
35 I remember (read) a review of that book and (think) I'd like to get it.
36 As a result of (listen) at keyholes he learnt many facts which he had no hesitation in (use) to his own advantage.

76 Gerund and infinitive

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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form (gerund or infinitive).

- 1 I am looking forward to (see) you.
2 He dreads (have) to retire.
3 I arranged (meet) them here.
4 He urged us (work) faster.
5 I wish (see) the manager.
6 It's no use (wait).
7 He warned her (not touch) the wire.
8 Don't forget (lock) the door before (go) to bed.
9 My mother told me (not speak) to anyone about it.
10 I can't understand her (behave) like that.
11 He tried (explain) but she refused (listen).
12 At dinner she annoyed me by (smoke) between the courses.
13 You are expected (know) the safety regulations of the college.
14 He decided (disguise) himself by (dress) as a woman.
15 I am prepared (wait) here all night if necessary.
16 Would you mind (show) me how (work) the lift?
17 After (walk) for three hours we stopped to let the others (catch up) with us.
18 I am beginning (understand) what you mean.
19 He was fined for (exceed) the speed limit.
20 The boys like (play) games but hate (do) lessons.
21 I regret (inform) you that your application has been refused.
22 I couldn't help (overhear) what you said.
23 Mrs Jones: I don't allow (smoke) in my drawing-room.
Mrs Smith: I don't allow my family (smoke) at all.
24 He surprised us all by (go) away without (say) 'Good-bye'.
25 Please go on (write); I don't mind (wait).
26 He wore dark glasses (avoid) (be) recognized.
27 Before (give) evidence you must swear (speak) the truth.
28 I tried (persuade) him (agree) with your proposal.
29 Your windows need (clean); would you like me (do) them for you?
30 Would you mind (shut) the window? I hate (sit) in a draught.
31 I can't help (sneeze); I caught a cold yesterday from (sit) in a draught.

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1 Be quiet! Your father's trying ...	a to turn off the lights.
2 It was getting late, so we decided ...	b telling people what to do.
3 I don't forget people's faces, but I'm not very good at ...	c to pay for anything.
4 When you leave the house, don't forget ...	d paying the bill.
5 Even with only ten players, the team still managed ...	e remembering their names.
6 He left the restaurant without ...	f to find a job.
7 He's very bossy and he likes ...	g to have a party.
8 For my birthday I'm planning ...	h going to school.
9 She's really mean. She never offers ...	i to go home.
10 When I was a child, I hated ...	j to sleep.
11 On Sunday mornings I really enjoy ...	k to win the match.
12 Nowadays, it's difficult for young people ...	l getting up late.