Gerunds and Infinitives Exercises With Answers

Level B1–B2 · 25 questions · about 20 minutes

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25 gerund and infinitive exercises with answers: verbs followed by -ing or to + infinitive, verbs that change meaning (stop, remember, try), and bare infinitives after let, make and would rather.

Part A: -ing or to + infinitive? (B1)

Choose the correct option.

1. I enjoy _____ in the mountains.
   a) to walk b) walking
2. She decided _____ a new job.
   a) to look for b) looking for
3. Do you mind _____ the window?
   a) to open b) opening
4. We hope _____ you soon.
   a) to see b) seeing
5. He avoided _____ my eyes.
   a) to meet b) meeting
6. I can't afford _____ a new car.
   a) to buy b) buying
7. They promised _____ on time.
   a) to arrive b) arriving
8. She finished _____ the report at midnight.
   a) to write b) writing
9. I'm thinking about _____ Spanish.
   a) to learn b) learning
10. It's important _____ enough water.
    a) to drink b) drinking
11. He refused _____ the question.
    a) to answer b) answering
12. _____ is good for your heart.
    a) Swim b) Swimming
13. I'm looking forward to _____ you.
    a) see b) seeing
14. She learned _____ when she was six.
    a) to swim b) swimming
15. Would you like _____ something?
    a) to drink b) drinking

Part B: Verbs that change meaning (B2)

Choose the correct option.

16. I stopped _____ a coffee on the way to work.
    a) to buy b) buying

17. I've stopped _____ coffee. It keeps me awake.
    a) to drink b) drinking
18. Remember _____ the lights off when you leave.
    a) to turn b) turning
19. I remember _____ him at a party years ago.
    a) to meet b) meeting
20. I tried _____ the window, but it was stuck.
    a) to open b) opening
21. If you have a headache, try _____ some water.
    a) to drink b) drinking

Part C: Complete the sentences (B1–B2)

Complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

22. I'd rather _____ (stay) at home tonight.
23. My parents let me _____ (go) to the party.
24. She made us _____ (wait) for an hour.
25. He's used to _____ (work) at night.

Answer key

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Part A: -ing or to + infinitive? (B1)

1. walking
2. to look for
3. opening
4. to see
5. meeting
6. to buy
7. to arrive
8. writing
9. learning (After a preposition, always use -ing.)
10. to drink
11. to answer
12. Swimming (A gerund can be the subject of a sentence.)
13. seeing (Here to is a preposition, so it is followed by -ing.)
14. to swim
15. to drink

Part B: Verbs that change meaning (B2)

16. to buy (Stop to do = stop in order to do something else.)
17. drinking (Stop doing = no longer do it.)
18. to turn (Remember to do = don't forget a future task.)
19. meeting (Remember doing = a memory of the past.)
20. to open (Try to do = make an effort.)
21. drinking (Try doing = do it as an experiment to see if it helps.)

Part C: Complete the sentences (B1–B2)

22. stay
23. go
24. wait
25. working

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