

Unit 1: The Gifts of Youth

Gerund & Infinitive Exercises

 **Exercise 1: Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form.**

1. She enjoys (read) _____ books in her free time.
2. He suggested (go) _____ to the cinema tonight.
3. We can't afford (go) _____ on vacation this year.
4. I recommend (visit) _____ the museum during your stay.
5. I'd rather (go) _____ for a hike than stay indoors.
6. Would you mind (close) _____ the window?
7. Let me (know) _____ if you need help.
8. It's important (be) _____ open to new ideas.
9. Claire is looking forward to (start) _____ her new job.
10. (swim) _____ competitively requires dedication.
11. My brother admitted (cheat) _____ on the quiz.
12. Students hope (pass) _____ their exams.
13. She avoided (answer) _____ the difficult question.
14. We can't help (laugh) _____ at his jokes.
15. He decided (apply) _____ for a scholarship.

 **Exercise 2: Choose the correct form of the verb.**

1. She promised (help) me with my homework.
a) helping b) to help c) help
2. They enjoy (play) football on weekends.
a) play b) to play c) playing
3. I can't afford (buy) a new car right now.
a) buying b) to buy c) buy
4. He admitted (steal) the money.
a) to steal b) stealing c) steal
5. Would you mind (open) the window?
a) opening b) to open c) open
6. We decided (travel) to Spain next summer.
a) travel b) to travel c) traveling
7. They made me (wait) outside for an hour.
a) waiting b) wait c) to wait
8. She suggested (visit) the new museum.
a) visiting b) to visit c) visit
9. He forgot (lock) the door before leaving.
a) locking b) to lock c) lock
10. It's no use (cry) over spilled milk.
a) to cry b) cry c) crying
11. We are looking forward to (meet) you again.
a) meeting b) meet c) to meet
12. You must (finish) your work before going out.
a) to finish b) finishing c) finish
13. I hope (see) you at the party.
a) seeing b) see c) to see
14. She avoided (talk) about the accident.
a) to talk b) talking c) talk
15. I'd rather (stay) at home tonight.
a) staying b) to stay c) stay



✓ Correct Answers

✓ Exercise 1

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| 1. She enjoys reading books in her free time. | → enjoy → gerund |
| 2. He suggested going to the cinema tonight. | → suggest → gerund |
| 3. We can't afford to go on vacation this year. | → afford - to-infinitive |
| 4. I recommend visiting the museum during your stay. | → recommend → gerund |
| 5. I'd rather go for a hike than stay indoors. | → would rather → bare infinitive |
| 6. Would you mind closing the window? | → would you mind → gerund |
| 7. Let me know if you need help. | → let + object + bare infinitive |
| 8. It's important to be open to new ideas. | → adjective + to-infinitive |
| 9. Claire is looking forward to starting her new job. | → look forward to → gerund |
| 10. Swimming competitively requires dedication. | → subject → gerund |
| 11. My brother admitted cheating on the quiz. | → admit - to-infinitive |
| 12. Students hope to pass their exams. | → hope → to-infinitive |
| 13. She avoided answering the difficult question. | → avoid → gerund |
| 14. We can't help laughing at his jokes. | → can't help → gerund |
| 15. He decided to apply for a scholarship. | → decide → to-infinitive |

✓ Exercise 2

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| 1. She promised (help) me with my homework. | a) helping b) ✓ to help c) help → promise → to-infinitive |
| 2. They enjoy (play) football on weekends. | a) play b) to play c) ✓ playing → enjoy → gerund |
| 3. I can't afford (buy) a new car right now. | a) buying b) ✓ to buy c) buy → afford → to-infinitive |
| 4. He admitted (steal) the money. | a) to steal b) ✓ stealing c) steal → admit → gerund |
| 5. Would you mind (open) the window? | a) ✓ opening b) to open c) open → would you mind → gerund |
| 6. We decided (travel) to Spain next summer. | a) travel b) ✓ to travel c) traveling → decide → to-infinitive |
| 7. They made me (wait) outside for an hour. | a) waiting b) ✓ wait c) to wait → make + object + bare infinitive |
| 8. She suggested (visit) the new museum. | a) ✓ visiting b) to visit c) visit → suggest → gerund |
| 9. He always forgets (lock) the door before leaving. | a) locking b) ✓ to lock c) lock → forget (habit duty) → to-infinitive |
| 10. It's no use (cry) over spilled milk. | a) to cry b) cry c) ✓ crying → it's no use → gerund |
| 11. We are looking forward to (meet) you again. | a) ✓ meeting b) meet c) to meet → look forward to → gerund |
| 12. You must (finish) your work before going out. | a) to finish b) finishing c) ✓ finish → must → bare infinitive |
| 13. I hope (see) you at the party. | a) seeing b) see c) ✓ to see → hope → to-infinitive |
| 14. She avoided (talk) about the accident. | a) to talk b) ✓ talking c) talk → avoid → gerund |
| 15. I'd rather (stay) at home tonight. | a) staying b) to stay c) ✓ stay → would rather → bare infinitive |

