

Gerunds and infinitives

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Put the verbs into correct form (to+infinitive, infinitive without to or gerund)

- 1 How old were you when you learnt _____? (drive)
- 2 I don't mind _____ home, but I'd rather _____ a taxi.
(walk, get)
- 3 I can't make a decision. I keep _____ my mind. (change)
- 4 He had made his decision and refused _____ his mind. (change)
- 5 Why did you change your decision? What made you _____ your mind?
(change)
- 6 It was a really good holiday. I really enjoyed _____ by the sea. (be)
- 7 Did I really tell you I was unhappy? I don't remember _____ that. (say)
- 8 'Remember _____ Tom tomorrow.' 'OK. I won't forget.' (phone)
- 9 The water here is not very good. I'd avoid _____ it if I were you. (drink)
- 10 I pretended _____ interested in the conversation, but really it was very boring. (be)
- 11 I got up and looked out of the window _____ what the weather was like. (see)
- 12 I have a friend who claims _____ able to speak five languages. (be)
- 13 I like _____ carefully about things before _____ a decision.
(think, make)
- 14 I had a flat in the centre of the town but I didn't like _____ there, so I decided _____. (live, move)
- 15 Steve used _____ a footballer. He had to stop _____ because of an injury. (be, play)
- 16 After _____ by the police, the man admitted _____ the car but denied _____ at 100 miles an hour. (stop, steal, drive)
- 17 A: How do you make this machine _____? (work)
B: I'm not sure. Try _____ that button and see what happens. (press)

Make sentences from the words in brackets.

1 I can't find the tickets. (I / seem / lose / them)

I seem to have lost them.

2 I haven't got far to go. (it / not / worth / take / a taxi)

3 I'm feeling a bit tired. (I / not / fancy / go / out)

4 Tim isn't very reliable. (he / tend / forget / things)

5 I've got a lot of luggage. (you / mind / help / me?)

6 There's nobody at home. (everybody / seem / go out)

7 We don't like our flat. (we / think / move)

8 The vase was very valuable. (I / afraid / touch / it)

9 Bill never carries money with him. (he / afraid / robbed)

10 I wouldn't go to see the film. (it / not / worth / see)

11 I'm very tired after that long walk. (I / not / used / walk / so far)

12 Sue is on holiday. I received a postcard from her yesterday. (she / seem / enjoy / herself)

13 Dave had lots of photographs he'd taken while on holiday. (he / insist / show / them to me)

14 I don't want to do the shopping. (I'd rather / somebody else / do / it)

Complete the second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first.

1 I was surprised I passed the exam.

I didn't expect *to pass the exam*.

2 Did you manage to solve the problem?

Did you succeed *in solving the problem*?

3 I don't read newspapers any more.

I've given up _____ .

4 I'd prefer not to go out tonight.

I'd rather _____ .

5 He can't walk very well.

He has difficulty _____ .

6 Shall I phone you this evening?

Do you want _____ ?

7 Nobody saw me come in.

I came in without _____ .

8 They said I was a cheat.

I was accused _____ .

9 It will be good to see them again.

I'm looking forward _____ .

10 What do you think I should do?

What do you advise me _____ .

11 It's a pity I couldn't go out with you.

I'd like _____ .

12 I'm sorry that I didn't take your advice.

I regret _____ .