

## GERUND AND INFINITIVE

### I. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct forms.

1. I was lonely at first, but after a time I got used (live) alone and even got (like) it.
2. Before trains were invented people used (travel) on horseback or in stage coaches. It used (take) a stage coach 3 days (go) from London to Bath.
3. I meant (buy) an evening paper but I didn't see anyone (sell) it.
4. I want (catch) the 7 a.m. train tomorrow, but that means (get) up at 6; and I'm not very good at (get) up early.
5. He was afraid (complain) (*preposition*)(cut) his salary. He was afraid of (lose) his job.
6. She remembers part of her childhood quite clearly. She remembers (go) to school for the first time and (be) frightened and (put) her finger in her mouth. And she remembers her teacher (tell) her (take) it out.
7. `Did you remember (lock) the car?`  
`No, I didn't. I'd better (go) and (do) it now.`
8. I'm not particularly keen on (swim). What about (go) for a drive instead?
9. The hunters expected (be paid) by the foot for the snakes they caught. This meant (take) the snakes out of the sack and (measure) them. They seemed (expect) me (do) it; but I wasn't particularly anxious (be) the first (die) of snakebite.
10. After (spend)2 days (argue) about where to go for their holidays, They decided (not go) anywhere.
11. `I can't get my car (start) on cold mornings.`  
`Have you tried (fill) the radiator with hot water? That sometimes helps.
12. We stopped once (buy) petrol and then we stopped again (ask) someone the way.
13. When I caught them (cheat) me, I stopped (buy) petrol there and started (deal) with your garage instead.
14. `There's no point (*preposition*)(arrive) half an hour early. We'd only have (wait).`  
`I don't mind (wait). It's better (be) too early than too late.
15. I always try (come) in quietly but they always hear me (go) upstairs. It's impossible (climb) an old wooden staircase without (make) a noise.
16. Although it was hard at first, she came (enjoy) (work) for the airline.
17. Almost as soon as I posted the letter, I regretted (turn down) the job.
18. Dr Harris welcomed the members of the committee and went on (introduce) the subject of the meeting.
19. After working with her for so long I came (admire) her patience and efficiency.
20. When you came out of the station, did you notice the children (play) musical instruments across the street?
21. I heard the baby (cry) for most of the night.
22. I'm looking forward (*prep.*)(go) on holiday.
23. He didn't know I was in the room and saw him (steal) the money. But I can describe it all in details.
24. As I walked through the gate, the dog came (race) towards me.
25. We tried to persuade her (stop), but she just goes on (smoke).
26. I watched a pavement artist (draw) my daughter's portrait.

27. I watched a pavement artist (draw) a picture in crayons. I wondered how long he'd been doing it before I came.

**II. Complete the sentences with one of the verbs + an appropriate preposition**

**care, culminate, supply, regard, base, object, aspire, alternate, interest, lend**

1. At the beginning of term I \_\_\_\_\_ my students \_\_\_\_\_ a list of books I want them to read.
2. A company wants to build a huge new wildlife park outside Huddersgate, but local people \_\_\_\_\_ this idea \_\_\_\_\_ ridiculous.
3. I tried \_\_\_\_\_ my children \_\_\_\_\_ washing my car, without success.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ his calculation \_\_\_\_\_ government statistics.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ my ladder \_\_\_\_\_ my next door neighbour.
6. The location of the film \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ London and Sydney.
7. The years of research have \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ a vaccine to prevent the disease.
8. Although he \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ public recognition he remained relatively unknown.
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ being called English as she was actually born in Scotland.
10. I had \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ my mother when she became seriously ill.

**III. Decide which sentences can be rewritten with the possessive form of the object (e.g. `his crying` instead of `him crying` or `Tom's singing` instead of `Tom singing`)**

1. I disapproved of him smoking in the house.
2. We discovered the children hiding the chocolates in their beds.
3. The plan envisages Tony becoming Director next year.
4. If the authorities catch anyone breaking the rules, the punishment is severe.
5. Mary recalled him borrowing the book.
6. I could imagine the car failing its annual inspection.
7. It amuses me to think of him sitting at his desk in a suit and tie.
8. My mother disapproved of the cat sleeping in my room.
9. I resented Tom winning the prize.
10. I remembered the horse winning the race.

**IV. Complete the sentences below with the proper form of the words given**

1. The original decision merely \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the land to the buyer. (command/the company/transfer)
2. The Banks have \_\_\_\_\_ to the highest bidder. (order/we/sell)
3. Customer surveys \_\_\_\_\_ customer loyalty for granted. (warn/management/not/take)
4. Even as I \_\_\_\_\_ me the instructions I did not fully realised everything it meant. (listen/she/give)
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ our money with someone we trusted. (teach/we/invest)
6. George has also \_\_\_\_\_ from the till. (catch/employees/steal)

7. The purpose of this is \_\_\_\_\_ advantage of the very temporary movements in price over the day. (prevent/investors/take)
8. I didn't like him \_\_\_\_\_ all the credit. (like/he/take)
9. They had \_\_\_\_\_ the place for a year.  
(agree/defer/he/take up)
10. There's no need \_\_\_\_\_ fired again. (mention/Mabel/get fired)

**V. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct verb form - either the gerund or the infinitive.**

1. A limited company may want \_\_\_\_\_ (CONSIDER) \_\_\_\_\_ (ISSUE) shares to new investors, or even \_\_\_\_\_ (GO) public.
2. We seek \_\_\_\_\_ (INVEST) in companies that do not have a pattern of \_\_\_\_\_ (VIOLATE) fair labor practices and occupational safety and health regulations.
3. I didn't fancy \_\_\_\_\_ (SUBMIT) the form and \_\_\_\_\_ (HAVE) \_\_\_\_\_ (WAIT) another day for the email or phone call \_\_\_\_\_ (ARRIVE).
4. Realizing this, marketers have come up with \_\_\_\_\_ (ADVERTISE) that doesn't feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (MARKET).
5. By effectively \_\_\_\_\_ (LEVERAGE = to invest borrowed money) its current investments, the company also wanted \_\_\_\_\_ (REDUCE) administrative costs and free up more of its IT staff \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) on a new project.
6. The workshop aimed \_\_\_\_\_ (FIND) strategies of \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) together and \_\_\_\_\_ (LISTEN) to each other in the context of intergenerational dialogue.
7. The entrepreneur hoped \_\_\_\_\_ (BORROW) \$785000 \_\_\_\_\_ (OPEN) a fast-food franchise.
8. The report suggested \_\_\_\_\_ (EXPAND) the sales tax \_\_\_\_\_ (COVER) clothing, tanning, massage, limousine and cable services.
9. The Project Manager agreed \_\_\_\_\_ (DRAFT) a budget \_\_\_\_\_ (SUPPORT) a proposal by the next meeting date.
10. I remembered \_\_\_\_\_ (SEND) an email to my bank \_\_\_\_\_ (ASK) them \_\_\_\_\_ (DELIVER) the papers here.
11. Despite determined efforts \_\_\_\_\_ (GET) talks started, management have refused \_\_\_\_\_ (WITHDRAW) the dismissal notices sent to members.
12. He also admitted \_\_\_\_\_ (BRIBE) two HP managers \_\_\_\_\_ (ENSURE) a continuing supply of the servers.
13. When you have finished \_\_\_\_\_ (UNLOAD) you give the driver a call and he returns \_\_\_\_\_ (PICK UP) the empty container, van or trailer.