Gerund and infinitive exercises with answers

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the right option

Tom finished _____ his car and went inside.

a) washing b) to wash c) wash

2. Choose the right option

It was late, so we decided _____ a taxi.

a) take b) taking c) to take

3. Choose the right option

Let's go _____ in the lake. The water is warm.

a) to swimming b) swimming c) for swimming

4. Choose the right option

Walking in the park _____ me happy.

a) are b) make c) makes

5. Choose the right option

I always drink a glass of water before _____ breakfast.

a) to have b) having c) have

6. Choose the right option

I went to the shop _____ some milk.

a) for to buy b) for buy c) to buy

7. Choose the right option

My mum asked me _____ the window.

a) close b) to close c) closing

8. Choose the right option

It's hot in here. Do you mind _____ the window?

a) to open b) open c) opening

9. Put the words in order

Say that Tom said he could carry your bags

my / offer / carry / carrying / to / Tom / offered / bags

Not all words are needed.

10. Choose the right option

Last winter we _____ skiing in the mountains.

a) go b) goes c) went

11. Fill in the gaps

_____ vegetables _____ good for your health.

Words: Eating / Eat / be / is / are

12. Put the words in order

Say that Tom would like to be able to cook

to / in / interested / learn / at / Tom / learning / is / cook

Not all words are needed.

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13. Choose the right option

We got up early _____ the first train.

a) that catch b) for catch c) to catch

14. Fill in the gaps

Sam asked _____ _____ him at the station.

Words: meeting / to meet / me / I / meet

15. Put the words in order

Ask a friend politely if waiting a minute is OK

waiting / mind / to / you / wait / Do / minute / a / Does

Not all words are needed.

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16. Choose the right option

I hope _____ you again soon.

a) to see b) see c) seeing

17. Fill in the gaps

Yesterday Anna _____ _____ and bought new shoes.

Words: to shopping / shopping / for shopping / goes / went

18. Put the words in order

Say that early mornings are difficult for you

up / early / Getting / hard / is / are / Gets

Not all words are needed.

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19. Choose the right option

Thanks for _____ me with my bags.

a) help b) helping c) to help

20. Fill in the gaps

Ali went _____ the market _____ some fruit.

Words: buy / buying / at / to buy / for buying / to

21. Put the words in order

Say that Tom said you must stay here and wait

here / to / I / me / wait / waiting / told / Tom

Not all words are needed.

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22. Choose the right option

Sorry, I _____ to call you yesterday, but I forgot.

a) promised b) finished c) enjoyed

23. Choose the right option

Do you want to _____ swimming with us on Sunday?

a) play b) go c) make

24. Choose the right option

_____ a new language takes a lot of time.

a) Learning b) Learns c) Learn

Answers

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1. **washing**
   After *finish* we use the -ing form: *finished washing*, not *finished to wash*.

2. **to take**
   After *decide* we use *to* + infinitive: *decided to take*, not *decided taking*.

3. **swimming**
   For activities we use *go* + *-ing*: *go swimming*. Don't add *to* or *for*.

4. **makes**
   Walking in the park = *it*, so we use *makes*, not *make*. *Are* is a form of *be*, but here we need the verb *make*.

5. **having**
   After the preposition *before* we use *-ing*: *before having*, not *before to have* or *before have*.

6. **to buy**
   To show the purpose, we use *to* + infinitive. We don't use *for* before the verb here.

7. **to close**
   After *ask* + person we use *to* + infinitive: *asked me to close*.

8. **opening**
   After *mind* we use the -ing form, so *opening*, not *to open*.

9. **Tom offered to carry my bags.**
   After *offer* we use *to* + infinitive: *offered to carry*, not *offered carrying*. Tom = *he*, so *offer* without *-s* or *-ed* doesn't fit here.

10. **went**
    Last winter shows the past, so we use *went*. *Skiing* stays the same.

11. **Eating ... is**
    The activity at the start is in the -ing form: *Eating*, not *Eat*. The subject is the activity, not *vegetables*, so *is*, not *are*.

12. **Tom is interested in learning to cook.**
    We say *interested in*, not *at*, and then *-ing*: *learning*. After *learn* we use *to*: *to cook*.

13. **to catch**
    Why did we get up early? To catch the train. We don't use *for* or *that*.

14. **me ... to meet**
    After *ask* we use *me*, not *I*. Then *to* + infinitive: *to meet*.

15. Do you mind waiting a minute?

After *mind* we use the -ing form: *Do you mind waiting?* With *you* we use *Do*, not *Does*.

16. to see

After *hope* we use *to* + infinitive, so *to see*, not *seeing* or *see*.

17. went ... shopping

Yesterday shows the past, so *went*. Then *-ing* without a preposition: *went shopping*.

18. Getting up early is hard.

Start with the -ing form: *Getting up*. It is one activity, so *is*.

19. helping

After *for* we use the -ing form: *thanks for helping*, not *for to help* or *for help*.

20. to ... to buy

The first *to* shows direction: *to the market*, not *at*. *To buy* shows why, not *for buying*.

21. Tom told me to wait here.

After *tell* we use *me*, then *to* + infinitive: *told me to wait*.

22. promised

We use *to* after *promise*: *promised to call*. After *enjoy* and *finish* we use *-ing*.

23. go

For activities with *-ing* we use *go*: *go swimming*, not *play swimming* or *make swimming*.

24. Learning

The activity at the start is in the -ing form: *Learning*, not *Learn* or *Learns*.