

Verbal Practice Exercise

Identify the underlined part of speech, then check with your partner(s).

1. The thief arrested for the robbery shot at the security guard.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
2. The flag waving in the wind is inspirational.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
3. They are sure the extra planning will make a difference in the end.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
4. Jamal's confusing message did nothing to solve the mystery.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
5. Godzilla made a game of smashing all of the red cars parked near the lake.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
6. The politician's broken promises were all that the voters remembered.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
7. Delighted with the opportunity to learn, Christine took the internship in New York.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
8. While playing the tuba, Orin felt as if his world was perfect.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
9. The show offers everyone a chance to be a millionaire.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
10. Samuel decided that missing the lecture every day was hurting his grade.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
11. The kittens crouching under the bed have refused to come out.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
12. The swimmer, driven by the need to be the best in the world, made himself sick with anxiety.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
13. My friend was surprised by the lighting in the theater.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
14. Brenda seemed surprised with the team's decision to withdraw.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
15. Completing the obstacle course is harder than it looks.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive
16. Billy refused to accept the idea that his birthday cake was gone.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

17. The marathon runner, **pushed** to the edge of endurance, collapsed at the finish line.

a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

18. Fred's **arguing** every call is getting frustrating.

a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

19. Al hopes that **giving** the players a break will improve their attitudes.

a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

20. The **completed** meal was so beautiful that we hesitated to eat it.

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