

EXERCISES ON GERUND AND INFINITIVE

EXERCISE 1

1. Tom has **advised** (reread) the story once again.
2. We did not **attempt** (tell) lies as we knew him very well.
3. Martha asked me if I **fancied** (go) to the party.
4. The principal **ordered** him (**stop**) (shout).
5. The man **threatened** (crash) the vase.
6. I cannot **delay** (write) to him any longer.
7. He **keeps** (complain) about different things.
8. I **regret** (not/tell) you earlier.
9. I **would sooner** (write) you.
10. He did not **dare** (tell) what had happened.
11. Nobody **invited** him (sit) down.
12. All of us **would prefer** (speak) to each other more than (write) a test.
13. The child **begged** (give) his toy back.
14. As soon as they had **finished** (eat) they went to school.
15. I just **cannot** (**persuade**) him (tell) the truth.
16. You **need not** (**urge**) us (do) it.
17. I absolutely **adore** (play) the piano.
18. He really **desires** (go) to that country.
19. I will **manage** (**persuade**) him (come)

EXERCISE 2

1. After a short break they will **resume** (work).
2. I **can** (swim) very well.
3. I will not **forget** (send) your letter.
4. They **plan** (**finish**) (build) the ground floor this week.
5. I **want** (talk) to you.
6. I **can't help** (cry). I am very sad.
7. I will **help** you (explain) your parents what has happened.
8. They **cannot** (**postpone**) (get) married.
9. I have already **warned** you (not/do) it ever again.
10. I will better **choose** (not/go).
11. You **should not** (**hesitate**) (tell) me what you **might** (need).
12. I will certainly **help** you (write) this essay.
13. Rebecca **practices** (play) the piano every other day.
14. We **wish** you (succeed) in this deal.
15. I really **appreciate** your (help) me.
16. It is good **enough** (buy).
17. I **must** (apologize) for my little brother.
18. I usually **suggest** (think) hard **before** (do) something.
19. He **claimed** (do) everything according to the deal.
20. We **hope** (come) on time.

EXERCISE 3

1. You don't need (ask) me to go out.
2. Would you like (keep) the tickets?
3. We watched them (jump) from a window.
4. This book tells you how (win) at chess.
5. The fire seems (be) out.
6. She apologized for (be) late.
7. It is nice (sit) in the garden at night.
8. I'm for (do) nothing till the evening.
9. I wish (be) a manager
10. I suggest (leave) him here.
- 11 I don't like (get) bills
- 12 I can hear the bell (ring) .
- 13 He offered (lend) me money.
- 14 He made me (do) the same things.
- 15 He hates (be) kept waiting..
- 16 He decided (disguise) himself.
- 17 Don't keep him (stand) at the door.
- 18 Did you remember (book) seats for the cinema tomorrow?
- 19 Did you advise him (go) to the police?
- 20 At dinner she annoyed me by (smoke) .
- 21 Would you mind (buy) me lunch?
- 22 Try (forget) your past.
- 23 There's no point in (do) such dangerous things.

- 24 Some people seem (be) very kind.
- 25 It is usually easier (learn) English in English-speaking countries.
- 26 It is not worth (worry) about.
- 27 I tried (explain) it to him, but he didn't understand.
- 28 I suggested (not go) out in the rain.
- 29 I prefer (drive) to walking.
- 30 I know my hair needs (wash) .

EXERCISE 4

- 1 I have a passion for (write) to the newspapers.
2. I didn't dare (leave) my mother because she felt very sick.
- 3 I decided (enter) for the competition.
- 4 He postponed (go) to the cinema.
- 5 He often lets other people (move) ahead
- 6 He keeps (ask) me such stupid questions.
- 7 Did you remember (give) him the key?
- 8 By (offer) enormous wages she persuaded him to work for her
- 9 After (hear) the conditions I left
- 10 (lie) on this beach is very pleasant.
- 11 Please go on (write) .
- 12 He wore sunglasses (avoid) the sunshine.
- 13 I tried (persuade) them to agree with my opinion.
- 14 I don't allow my children (smoke) at all.

- 15 You are not allowed (smoke) in this room
- 16 I couldn't help (overhear) what you said.
- 17 I regret (inform) you that you have failed the exams
- 18 The boys like (play) these games.
- 19 I am beginning (understand) what you mean.
- 20 After (walk) for three hours we stopped to have a break.
- 21 Would you mind (show) me the castle?
- 22 I'm prepared (wait) here all night.
- 23 At dinner she bothered me by (smoke) .
- 24 He tried (explain) it but he wasn't successful.
- 25 I can't understand her (speak) like that.
- 26 He refused (work) faster.
- 27 My father told me (not speak) to anyone.
- 28 It's not worth (wait) .
- 29 I wish (be) a manager.
- 30 I arranged (met) him downtown.

EXERCISE 5

- 1 We won't escape (pay) the commercial rate.
- 2 We happened (look) in the right place almost immediately.
- 3 We didn't fancy (swim) in the cold river.
- 4 They intended (go) to Canada last year.
- 5 They certainly deserved (win) that game.
- 6 These cars need (mend) .

- 7 The security system does not permit anybody (enter) without the correct password.
- 8 The prison authorities permit (visit) only once a week
- 9 The marooned kept on praying (be) rescued.
- 10 She's longing (stop) commuting every day
- 11 I don't think they intended her (hear) the conversation
- 12 I can't face (climb) those stairs again.
- 13 High taxes encouraged many motorists (start) using trains.
- 14 Her responsibilities will include (make) appointments on his behalf
- 15 If you need anything, don't hesitate (call) me.
- 16 I'd prefer you not (smoke) .
- 17 I think the council ought to move (repair) this pavement straightaway.
- 18 Ann denies (break) the vase, but I'm sure she did.
- 19 He can't really justify (take) another day off work.
- 20 He failed (reach) the Grand Prix final this year.
- 21 Engineers acted quickly (repair) the broken pipes.
- 22 He appears (be) the girl's brother.
- 23 He is aiming at (win) a gold medal at the next Winter Olympic games.
- 24 He thinks we should delay (decide) about this until next month.
- 25 I aim (be) a successful manager by the time I'm 35.
- 26 I can't afford (buy) that car.
- 27 I thought he was an idiot at first, but I've come (like) him

28 I try to avoid (go) shopping on Saturdays.

29 Jane was burning (tell) us her news.

30 Peter has applied (join) the police.

EXERCISE 6

1 She acknowledged (have) made a mistake.

2 She admitted (make) a mistake.

3 She claims (have) met the President, but I don't believe her

4 She couldn't bear (see) the cat in pain.

5 The problem is (decide) what to do.

6 They are normally harmless but they combine (form) a highly explosive gas.

7 They celebrated (pass) their exams with a party.

8 We've booked (fly) to China on Friday.

9 They looked as if they were about (burst) into tears.

10 They declined (tell) me how they had got my address.

11 After A small cat had somehow managed (survive) the fire.

12 Do you have (finish) this today?

13 Don't forget (reserve) a seat for me.

14 First they'll learn (use) this machine.

15 He forbade me (tell) anyone about our plans.

16 He imagined himself (sit) in his favourite armchair back home.

17 His grandfather lived (be) 93.

18 I did not mean (overhear) their conversation.

19 I like (lie) in bed on Saturday mornings.

20 I love (cook) for my friends.

21 I used to hate jogging but I'm actually getting (like) it.

22 If you ever get (eat) there you must try their pizza.

23 If you want to catch the 9.30 plane, that will mean (leave) the house at 8.30 at the latest.

24 John mentioned (see) you the other day.

25 She hurried (open) the door.

26 She would really love (start) her own business.

27 Would you mind not (smoke) here?

28 They have grown (hate) him.

29 When I imagine (see) him again I feel so happy.

30 The lungs function (supply) the body with oxygen.

EXERCISE 7

1 playing football for two hours he stopped (have) lunch.

2 Dr Brown has worked for years (save) these very rare insects.

3 He risked (lose) his house when his company went bankrupt.

4 He used (like) dogs but one attacked him and he doesn't anymore.

5 Her story took some (believe) . (It was difficult to believe.)

6 I can't wait (see) you.

7 I couldn't stop (laugh) .

8 I hate (interrupt) your conversation, but it's time we left

9 I've had to train myself (be) more assertive at work

10 Isn't Tom training (be) a marketing specialist?

11 Please try (understand) my point of view.

12 She admitted (make) a mistake.

13 She won't tolerate (lie) .

14 She's planning (buy) a new car.

15 The manager does not allow (smoke) .

16 Try (use) force. It might work better.

17 We hope (visit) them next year.

18 We're planning (turn) the back room into a bedroom for my mother.

19 What do you want (eat) ?

20 Would you like to try (parachute) ?