

Extra notes and homework – Week 5

Instruction: Make sure to copy the given notes and exercises in your respective copybooks.

Gerunds and Infinitives

It can be a little difficult to know when to use gerunds and infinitives.

1. We use **gerunds** (**verb + ing**):

- After certain verbs - I **enjoy singing**
- After prepositions - I drank a cup of coffee **before leaving**
- As the subject or object of a sentence - **Swimming** is good exercise

2. We use **'to' + infinitive** :

- After certain verbs - We **decided to leave**
- After many adjectives - It's **difficult to get** up early
- **- I came to London to study English**

3. We use the **bare infinitive** (the infinitive without 'to'):

- **After modal verbs** - I can **meet** you at six o'clock
- After 'let', 'make' and (sometimes) 'help' - The teacher let us **leave** early
- After some verbs of perception (see, watch, hear, notice, feel, sense) - I watched her **walk** away
- After expressions with 'why' - why **go** out the night before an exam?

Exercise 1

Put the verb into the gerund or the infinitive with 'to':

1. It appears _____ (be) raining.
2. We intend _____ (go) to the countryside this weekend.
3. I pretended _____ (be) sick so I didn't have to go to work.
4. Can you imagine _____ (live) without TV?
5. They tolerate _____ (smoke) but they prefer people not to.
6. I anticipate _____ (arrive) on Tuesday.
7. A wedding involves _____ (negotiate) with everyone in the

family.

8. He denies _____ (steal) the money.
9. He claims _____ (be) a millionaire but I don't believe him.
10. I expect _____ (be) there about seven.
11. Julia reported _____ (see) the boys to the police.
12. It tends _____ (rain) a lot in Scotland.
13. Do you recall _____ (meet) her at the party last week?
14. She mentioned _____ (go) to the cinema, but I don't know what she decided to do in the end.
15. The teenager refused _____ (go) on holiday with his parents.
16. I understand _____ (be) late once or twice, but every day is too much!
17. I would prefer you _____ (come) early if you can.
18. That criminal deserves _____ (get) a long sentence.
19. She completed _____ (paint) her flat.
20. We arranged _____ (meet) at four but at four thirty she still hadn't arrived.

Exercise 2

Put the verb into the gerund or the infinitive with 'to':

1. I couldn't sleep so I tried _____ (drink) some hot milk.
2. She tried _____ (reach) the book on the high shelf, but she was too small.
3. They tried _____ (get) to the party on time but the bus was delayed.
4. We tried _____ (open) the window, but it was so hot outside it didn't help.
5. He tried _____ (get) a job in a newspaper firm but they wouldn't hire him.
6. He tried _____ (get) a job in a newspaper firm but he still wasn't satisfied.
7. You should stop _____ (smoke), it's not good for your health.

8. We stopped _____ (study) because we were tired.
9. They will stop _____ (have) lunch at twelve.
10. We stopped _____ (have) a rest, because we were really sleepy.
11. Oh no! I forgot _____ (buy) milk.
12. Please don't forget _____ (pick) up some juice on your way home.
13. I forget _____ (lock) the door, but I'm sure I must have locked it.
14. Have we studied this before? I've forgotten _____ (learn) it.
15. Please remember _____ (bring) your homework.
16. I remember _____ (go) to the beach as a child.
17. Finally I remembered _____ (bring) your book! Here it is.
18. Do you remember _____ (eat) steak in that little restaurant in Rome?
19. I regret _____ (tell) you that the train has been delayed.
20. I regret _____ (tell) Julie my secret; now she has told everyone.