

Test Your Grammar Skills

Gerund (ing Noun) or Infinitive? 1

Underline either a gerund or infinitive in each sentence below. Find 3 verbs that can be followed by either gerund or infinitive:

1. After two weeks of discussion we have agreed to give / giving you the job.
2. You would do well to avoid to take / taking the motorway this morning.
3. There would be an outcry if we publicly discussed to privatise / privatising the National Health Service.
4. It was tough, but Polly finally admitted to steal / stealing the jewellery.
5. If Harold had disliked to eat / eating the apple crumble, I wouldn't have offered him any more.
6. My daughter sometimes asks me to help / helping her with her homework.
7. I think you will really enjoy to meet / meeting my parents on Friday!
8. It can't have been easy for Barry to give up to smoke / smoking.
9. I hate to sit / sitting next to somebody who is eating an apple noisily.
10. Fiona had hoped to go / going to university in the summer, but now her dream had disappeared.
11. Can you imagine to hire / hiring a car on Sunday and just driving to the coast?
12. Holly had been learning to read / reading Braille since the beginning of term.
13. Did you manage to buy / buying the cake decorations that I asked for?
14. If I were you, I wouldn't mind to lend / lending Marina a few books.
15. By the end of the holiday we couldn't afford to eat out / eating out again.
16. Will you have practised to play / playing this piece on the trumpet by the time we meet again next week?
17. Alicia likes to read / reading in bed for a while before she goes to sleep.
18. I much preferred to visit / visiting Manchester compared to Huddersfield.
19. Charlie has been pretending to be / being an urchin from the film *Oliver* all morning.
20. If you would like to dance / dancing, I would be happy to accompany you.

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