



Gerunds (-ing Form): Gerund after Prepositions

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. She complained ____ the same schedule every week.
a) to have
b) to having
c) about having
d) for having
2. She's really good ____ the guitar.
a) at playing
b) to play
c) in play
d) for playing
3. We look forward ____ you at the conference.
a) to meet
b) meeting
c) for meeting
d) to meeting
4. He apologised ____ so late.
a) to arrive
b) for arriving
c) to arriving
d) in arriving
5. They succeeded ____ the problem.
a) to solve
b) solving
c) in solving
d) for solving
6. She is fond ____ in the garden on weekends.
a) of working
b) to work
c) for working
d) in working
7. Thank you for ____ me with my homework.
a) to help
b) help
c) helped
d) helping
8. He insisted ____ for the meal.
a) to pay
b) on paying
c) in paying
d) for paying
9. We're thinking ____ a new house.
a) to buy
b) in buying
c) about buying
d) for buying
10. She left without ____ goodbye.
a) saying
b) to say
c) say
d) said
11. I'm tired ____ the same thing every day.
a) to do
b) doing
c) do
d) of doing

12. He is responsible ____ the new employees.
a) to train
b) for training
c) in training
d) of training
13. He dreams ____ a famous musician one day.
a) to become
b) for becoming
c) of becoming
d) in becoming
14. Instead of ____, she decided to take a taxi.
a) walking
b) to walk
c) walk
d) walked
15. He went ____ with his friends last Saturday.
a) to fish
b) for fish
c) fish
d) fishing
16. She is used ____ early for work.
a) to wake
b) to waking
c) waking
d) wake
17. I believe ____ others whenever I can.
a) to help
b) for helping
c) in helping
d) to helping
18. We went ____ in the mountains last summer.
a) hiking
b) to hike
c) hike
d) for hiking
19. In addition to ____ French, she also speaks German.
a) speak
b) to speak
c) speaks
d) speaking
20. What about ____ to the cinema tonight?
a) to go
b) going
c) go
d) went



Answers

1. c) about having
2. a) at playing
3. d) to meeting
4. b) for arriving
5. c) in solving
6. a) of working
7. d) helping
8. b) on paying
9. c) about buying
10. a) saying
11. d) of doing
12. b) for training
13. c) of becoming
14. a) walking
15. d) fishing
16. b) to waking
17. c) in helping
18. a) hiking
19. d) speaking
20. b) going



Explanations

1. “about having” (c)

'Complain about' is a verb + preposition combination. After a preposition, always use a gerund (-ing form).
'Complained about having' is correct.

2. “at playing” (a)

'Good at' is an adjective + preposition combination. After the preposition 'at', use a gerund. 'Good at playing' is correct.

3. “to meeting” (d)

In 'look forward to', the word 'to' is a preposition, not part of an infinitive. After a preposition, always use a gerund.
'Look forward to meeting' is correct.

4. “for arriving” (b)

'Apologise for' is a verb + preposition combination. After the preposition 'for', use a gerund. 'Apologised for arriving' is correct.

5. “in solving” (c)

'Succeed in' is a verb + preposition combination. After the preposition 'in', use a gerund. 'Succeeded in solving' is correct.

6. “of working” (a)

'Fond of' is an adjective + preposition combination. After the preposition 'of', use a gerund. 'Fond of working' is correct.

7. “helping” (d)

After the preposition 'for', always use a gerund (-ing form). 'Thank you for helping' is correct.

8. “on paying” (b)

'Insist on' is a verb + preposition combination. After the preposition 'on', use a gerund. 'Insisted on paying' is correct.

9. “about buying” (c)

'Think about' is a verb + preposition combination. After the preposition 'about', use a gerund. 'Thinking about buying' is correct.

10. “saying” (a)

After the preposition 'without', always use a gerund (-ing form). 'Without saying' is correct.

11. “of doing” (d)

'Tired of' is an adjective + preposition combination. After the preposition 'of', use a gerund. 'Tired of doing' is correct.

12. “for training” (b)

'Responsible for' is an adjective + preposition combination. After the preposition 'for', use a gerund. 'Responsible for training' is correct.

13. “of becoming” (c)

'Dream of' is a verb + preposition combination. After the preposition 'of', use a gerund. 'Dreams of becoming' is correct.

14. “walking” (a)

'Instead of' is a prepositional phrase. After 'of', always use a gerund (-ing form). 'Instead of walking' is correct.

15. “fishing” (d)

Use 'go + gerund' for leisure activities: go fishing, go swimming, go shopping, go hiking, etc.

16. “to waking” (b)

In 'be used to', the word 'to' is a preposition meaning 'accustomed to'. After a preposition, use a gerund. 'Is used to waking' is correct. Don't confuse with 'used to + infinitive' (past habit).

17. “in helping” (c)

'Believe in' is a verb + preposition combination. After the preposition 'in', use a gerund. 'Believe in helping' is correct.

18. “hiking” (a)

Use 'go + gerund' for leisure and sport activities. 'Go hiking' is the correct pattern, just like go swimming, go skiing, go camping.

19. “speaking” (d)

In 'in addition to', the word 'to' is a preposition. After a preposition, always use a gerund (-ing form). 'In addition to speaking' is correct.

20. “going” (b)

'What about' is used to make suggestions and is followed by a gerund (-ing form). 'What about going?' is correct.