

8A GRAMMAR choosing between gerunds and infinitives

- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the gerund, the infinitive with to, or the infinitive without to. Write your answers in the column on the right.



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| 1 I think it would be very stressful <input type="text"/> your own business. (run) | <u>to run</u> |
| 2 I'm really busy right now. Would you mind <input type="text"/> me back in about five minutes? (call) | _____ |
| 3 My boss told me she wanted <input type="text"/> to me in her office. (speak) | _____ |
| 4 We decided <input type="text"/> her a birthday present because we weren't sure what she wanted. We just gave her some money. (not buy) | _____ |
| 5 Have you ever thought of <input type="text"/> back to live in Edinburgh, or are you happy in London? (go) | _____ |
| 6 My neighbour offered <input type="text"/> my children while I went shopping. (look after) | _____ |
| 7 Emily's parents aren't strict enough with her. They let her <input type="text"/> whatever she likes. (do) | _____ |
| 8 <input type="text"/> overtime is exhausting. Last night, I finished work at 9.00 and I started again this morning at 8.00. (do) | _____ |
| 9 My parents would like me <input type="text"/> medicine. (study) | _____ |
| 10 I think Jessica should study architecture. She's very good at <input type="text"/> . (draw) | _____ |
| 11 Do you think you'd like <input type="text"/> with children, or would you find it too stressful? (work) | _____ |
| 12 If they can save enough money, they're hoping <input type="text"/> to Miami for their honeymoon. (go) | _____ |
| 13 Have you ever thought about <input type="text"/> yoga or Pilates? They're very good if you have problems with your back. (do) | _____ |
| 14 I was really surprised <input type="text"/> that Lucy and Adam have separated. I thought that they were very happy. (hear) | _____ |
| 15 Are you going to go on <input type="text"/> English here next year? (study) | _____ |
| 16 Toby was sacked because he kept <input type="text"/> late for work. (arrive) | _____ |
| 17 I don't really feel like <input type="text"/> tonight. Let's go out for dinner. (cook) | _____ |
| 18 Josh pretended <input type="text"/> the shirt his granny had bought him, but really he thought it was horrible. (like) | _____ |
| 19 <input type="text"/> late at night always makes me <input type="text"/> badly. (eat / sleep) | _____ |
| 20 Angela asked her brother <input type="text"/> her a lift into town. (give) | _____ |

ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the column on the right and look at the sentences. Read the sentences aloud with the verbs in the correct form.