

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.