

GERUND vs. INFINITIVE Part 2 (Chart 14-7)

Directions: Choose the best answer for each sentence. In some cases, BOTH answers are correct.

1. Steve was trying _____ the door with the wrong key.
a. to unlock b. unlocking
2. The football teams continued _____ although it began to snow.
a. to play b. playing
3. We love _____ outside when the weather is warm and sunny.
a. to picnic b. picnicking
4. We began _____ to the news when we heard the Olympics mentioned.
a. to listen b. listening
5. I was just beginning _____ asleep when the phone rang.
a. to fall b. falling
6. The audience began _____ before the curtains closed.
a. to clap b. clapping
7. I really hate _____ late for appointments.
a. to be b. being
8. The cupcakes were starting _____ when I took it out of the oven.
a. to burn b. burning
9. She's so impatient! She can't stand _____ in line for anything.
a. to wait b. waiting
10. I prefer _____ my bicycle to work because it is good for the environment.
a. to ride b. riding
11. Lillian prefers _____ to taking the bus.
a. to walk b. walking
12. Tim prefers _____ than to jog for exercise.
a. to swim b. swimming
13. Near the end of the speech, the audience began _____ their feet on the floor.
a. to stamp b. stamping
14. The toddler loves _____ in the car.
a. to ride b. riding

15. The audience began to clap and _____ their feet on the floor.
a. to stamp b. stamping
16. The audience began clapping and _____ their feet on the floor.
a. to stamp b. stamping
17. My daughter sometimes forgets _____ the stove when he's finished cooking.
a. to turn off b. turning off
18. Alex will never forget _____ his first helicopter ride.
a. to take b. taking
19. Would you please remember _____ away all of the CDs when you're finished listening to them?
a. to put b. putting
20. I remember _____ them away when I finished with them last night.
a. to put b. putting
21. I remember _____ Andorra for the first time. It's a beautiful country.
a. to visit b. visiting
22. What am I going to do? I forgot _____ my trigonometry textbook, and I need it for the review today.
a. to bring b. bringing
23. My boss regrets _____ his secretary now that she is gone.
a. to fire b. firing
24. The letter said, "I regret _____ you that your application has been denied."
a. to inform b. informing
25. I haven't been able to get in touch with Wendy. I tried _____ her. Then I tried _____ her a letter. I tried _____ a message with her brother when I talked to him. Nothing worked.
a. to call / to write / to leave b. calling / writing / leaving

As you have seen, when you have "like," "love," "hate," and "prefer," you can use either a gerund or an infinitive. However, when you use "would" with these verbs, you can only use an infinitive.

I would love going to your party. → Wrong

I would love to go to your party. → Right

*For all other verbs with "would," just follow normal gerund / infinitive rules.