CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS – TO-INFinitive, BARE INFinitive OR –ING VERB

1 I was lonely at first,' the old man admitted, 'but after a time I got used to ____________ (live).'

2 Before trains were invented people used _______________ (travel) on horseback or in stage coaches.
   It used _______________ (take) a stage coach three days ____________ (go) from London to Bath.

3 Tom: I want ________________ (catch) the 7 a.m. train tomorrow.
   Ann: But that means ________________ (get) up at 6.00; and you're not very good at
   _______________ (get) up early, are you?

4 He accepted the cut in salary without complaint because he was afraid ________________ (complain).
   He was afraid of ________________ (lose) his job.

5 She remembers part of her childhood quite clearly. She remembers ________________ (go) to
   school for the first time and ________________ (be) frightened and ________________ (put)
   her finger in her mouth. And she remembers her teacher ________________ (tell) her
   ________________ (take) it out.

6 Did you remember ________________ (lock) the car?
   No, I didn't. I'd better ________________ (go) back and ________________ (do) it now.

7 No, I didn't move the bomb. I was afraid ________________ (touch) it; I was afraid of
   ________________ (be) blown to pieces!

8 Next time we go ________________ (house-hunt), remember ________________ (ask) the agent
   for clear directions. I wasted hours ________________ (look) for the last house.

9 Tom: Let's ________________ (go) for a swim.
   Ann: I'm not particularly keen on ________________ (swim). What about
   ________________ (go) for a drive instead?

10 The hunters expected ________________ (be paid) by the foot for the snakes they caught.
   This meant ________________ (take) the snakes out of the sack and
   ________________ (measure) them. They seemed ________________ (expect) me
   ________________ (do) it; but I wasn't particularly anxious ________________ (be) the first
   ________________ (die) of snakebite.

11 After ________________ (spend) two days ________________ (argue) about where to go for
    their holiday they decided ________________ (not go) anywhere.

12 We'd better ________________ (start) early. We don't want ________________ (risk)
    ________________ (get) caught in a traffic jam.

13 He is talking about ________________ (give) up his job and ________________ (go)
    ________________ (live) in the country.

14 I was just about ________________ (leave) the office when the phone rang. It was my wife;
   she wanted me ________________ (call) at the butcher's on my way home.
15 He said, 'I'm terribly sorry ___________________ (keep) you ________________________ (wait).' 
   I said, It doesn't matter at all,' but he went on ___________________ (apologize) for nearly five 
   minutes!
16 The lecturer began by _________________ (tell) us where the island was, and went on 
   _________________ (talk) about its history.
17 My father thinks I am not capable of _____________________ (earn) my own living, but I mean 
   _________________ (show) him that he is wrong.
18 Tom: I can't get my car started on cold mornings.
   Jack: Have you tried _____________________ (fill) the radiator with hot water? That sometimes 
   helps.
19 Did he manage ______________________ (carry) the trunk upstairs? No, he didn't.
20 Jack: Don't forget _____________________ (take) a hacksaw with you.
   Ann: What's a hacksaw? And why should I _____________________ (take) one with me?
   Jack: It's a tool for _____________________ (cut) metal. You see, Tom is bound 
   _____________________ (get) into trouble for _____________________ (take) photographs of the 
   wrong things, and you'll be arrested with him. With a hacksaw you'll be able 
   _____________________ (saw) through the bars of your cell and _____________________ (escape).
21 Peter: Wouldn't it be better _____________________ (ask) Tom _________________ (leave) his 
   camera at home?
   Jack: It would be no good _____________________ (ask) Tom _________________ (do) that. It 
   would be like _____________________ (ask) a woman _________________ (travel) without a handbag.
22 I've got the loaf; now I'm looking for a breadknife _____________________ (cut) it with.
23 We stopped once _________________ (buy) petrol and then we stopped again 
   _____________________ (ask) someone the way.
24 When I caught them _____________________ (cheat) me, I stopped _________________ (buy) petrol 
   there and started _________________ (deal) with your garage instead.
25 Do you feel like _________________ (dine) out or would you rather _________________ (have) 
   dinner at home? ~
   I'd like _________________ (go) out. I always enjoy _________________ (have) dinner in a 
   restaurant.
26 Your hair needs _________________ (cut). You'd better _________________ (have) it done 
   tomorrow—unless you'd like me _________________ (have) a go at it for you.
27 I tried _________________ (convince) him that I was perfectly capable of 
   _________________ (manage) on my own, but he insisted on _________________ (help) me.
28 Jack: I don't mind _________________ (travel) by bus, but I hate _________________ (stand) 
   in queues.
   Tom: I don't care for _________________ (queue) either; and you waste so much time 
   _________________ (wait) for buses.
29 In Animal Farm the old pig urged the animals _________________ (rebel) against man but he 
   warned them _________________ (not adopt) man's habits.
There is no point in (arrive) half an hour early. I don't mind (wait). It's better (be) too early than too late.

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Paul: Would you like (come) to a lecture on Wagner tonight?
Ann: No, thanks. I like (listen) to music but I don't like (listen) to people (talk) about it.

If you want the milkman (leave) you milk in the morning, remember (put) a milk bottle outside your door.

They let us park motorcycles here but they won't allow us (park) cars.

They don't allow (smoke) in the auditorium; they don't want (risk) (set) it on fire, but you can (smoke) in the foyer during the interval.

What about (buy) double quantities of everything today? That will save (shop) again later in the week.

The inspector asked (see) my ticket and when I wasn't able (find) it he made me (buy) another. He probably suspected you of (try) (travel) without one.

Would you like me (turn) down the radio a bit? ~
No, it's all right. I'm used to (work) with the radio on.

One of the gang suggested (take) the body out to sea, (drop) it overboard and (pretend) that it had been an accident.

I want the boy (grow) up hating violence but his father keeps (buy) him guns and swords.

Would you children mind (keep) quiet for a moment? I'm trying (fill) in a form.
It's no use (ask) children (keep) quiet. They can't help (make) a noise.

I'm thinking of (go) to Oxford tomorrow on my motorbike. Would you like (come)? ~
No, thanks. I want (go) Oxford, but I'd rather (go) by train. I loathe (travel) by road.

Let's (go) (fish) today. There's a nice wind. What about (come) with us, Ann?

He resented (be) asked (wait). He expected the minister (see) him at once.
46 The police have put up a railing here ________________ (prevent) people
________________ (rush) out of the station and ________________ (dash) straight across the
road.
47 I didn't mean ________________ (eat) anything but the cakes looked so good that I couldn't resist
________________ (try) one.
48 Do you feel like ________________ (walk) there or shall we ________________ (take) a
bus? ~
I'd rather ________________ (go) by bus. Besides, it'll take ages ________________ (get)
there on foot.
49 All right. When would you like ________________ (start)? In a few minutes? ~
Oh, let's wait till it stops ________________ (rain)
50 Jack suggested ________________ (let) one flat and ________________ (keep) the other
for myself. But Tom advised me ________________ (sell) the whole house.
51 He soon got ________________ (know) most of them and even managed
________________ (learn) the greetings. Then they began ________________ (greet) him
too on their way to work and sometimes would stop ________________ (talk) to him on their
way home.
52 He succeeded in ________________ (untie) himself, ________________ (climb) out of the
window and ________________ (crawl) along a narrow ledge to the window of the next room.
53 After ________________ (spend) a week in the cottage, he decided that he didn't really enjoy
________________ (live) in the country and began ________________ (think) of an excuse
for ________________ (sell) the cottage and ________________ (return) to London.
54 It's no use ________________ (argue) with him. You might as well ________________ (argue)
with a stone wall. He is incapable of ________________ (see) anyone else's point of view.
55 I'm delighted ________________ (hear) that you can come on Saturday. We are all looking
forward to ________________ (see) you. Remember ________________ (bring) your rubber boots.
56 He has been charged with ________________ (receive) and ________________ (sell) stolen goods.
He has admitted ________________ (receive) but denies ________________ (sell) them. The
fact is that he hasn't had time ________________ (sell) them yet.
57 What about ________________ (have) a picnic in Picadilly Circus? ~
What an extraordinary place ________________ (have) a picnic! Fancy ________________ (sit)
there with the traffic ________________ (swirl) round you and the pigeons ________________ (take)
bites out of your sandwiches!
58 Would you mind ________________ (write) your address on the back of the cheque and
_______________ (show) us some proof of your identity?
59 Let's ________________ (swim) across. ~ I'm not really dressed for ________________ (swim). What's
wrong with ________________ (go) round by the bridge?
60 Lou made me ________________ (get) up early in the morning even though I was really tired of
_______________ (work).