

**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.

- 30 There is no point in \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) half an hour early. I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ (wait). It's better \_\_\_\_\_ (be) too early than too late.
- 31 I always try \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in quietly. It's impossible \_\_\_\_\_ (climb) an old wooden staircase at night without \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a noise.
- 32 If you agree \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for me I'll see about \_\_\_\_\_ (get) you a work permit.
- 33 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.
- 34 If you want the milkman \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) you milk in the morning, remember \_\_\_\_\_ (put) a milk bottle outside your door.
- 35 They let us park motorcycles here but they won't allow us \_\_\_\_\_ (park) cars.
- 36 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.
- 37 What about \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) double quantities of everything today? That will save \_\_\_\_\_ (shop) again later in the week.
- 38 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.
- 39 Would you like me \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) down the radio a bit? ~  
No, it's all right. I'm used to \_\_\_\_\_ (work) with the radio on.
- 40 One of the gang suggested \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the body out to sea, \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) it overboard and \_\_\_\_\_ (pretend) that it had been an accident.
- 41 I want the boy \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) up hating violence but his father keeps \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) him guns and swords.
- 42 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.
- 43 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.
- 44 Let's \_\_\_\_\_ (go) \_\_\_\_\_ (fish) today. There's a nice wind. What about \_\_\_\_\_ (come) with us, Ann?
- 45 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 Piccadilly 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).