

Practice Exercises – Reported Speech (Reported Orders/Requests)

Review *Reported Orders/Requests* before doing the exercises.

Choose the answer that is grammatically correct in the context of the sentence. There is only one correct answer.

Practice Exercises - Reported Speech (Reported Orders/Requests):

1. Mother: "Start doing your homework." Mother told me _____ doing my homework.
a. starting
b. to start
c. start
d. started
2. Boss: "Don't arrive late again or you'll be fired!" The boss told me _____ late again or I'd be fired.
a. don't arrive
b. not arriving
c. not to arrive
d. not arrived
3. Mother: "Stop wearing my clothes!" Mother told me _____ her clothes.
a. stop wearing
b. to stop wearing
c. don't wear
d. not wearing
4. Father: "You'd better not wreck the car again." Father warned me _____ his car again.
a. not to wreck
b. not wrecking
c. don't wreck
d. won't wreck
5. Mother: "Bring me that book, please." Mother asked me _____ her the book on the shelf.
a. to bring
b. bring
c. bringing
d. brought
6. Marie: "Don't tell anyone my secret." I told Audrey _____ my secret to anyone.
a. not telling
b. not to tell
c. don't tell
d. didn't tell
7. Teacher: "Hand in your test papers now!" The teacher told us _____ our test papers immediately.
a. handing in
b. handed in
c. will hand in
d. to hand in
8. Mary: "Don't put any sugar in my coffee." Mary told me _____ any sugar in her coffee.
a. not putting
b. not to put
c. don't put
d. didn't put
9. Bob: "Stop making so much noise; I'm trying to study!" Bob told the children _____ making so much noise because he was trying to study.
a. to stop
b. stopped
c. stopping
d. stop

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10. Doctor: "Don't smoke any more." The doctor told Sally _____ any more.

- a. not smoking
- b. not to smoke
- c. won't smoke
- d. don't smoke

11. Jill: "Please bring back the book as soon as possible." Jill asked me _____ back the book as soon as possible.

- a. to bringing
- b. brought
- c. bring
- d. to bring

12. Mother: "Tidy your room before you go out." Mother told me _____ my room before going out.

- a. tidy
- b. tidying
- c. to tidy
- d. tidies

13. Politician: "I won't raise city taxes this year." The politician promised _____ city taxes during the year.

- a. not to raise
- b. don't raise
- c. won't raise
- d. didn't raise

14. Mae: "Please be careful with my car." Mae told her son _____ careful with her car.

- a. being
- b. was
- c. been
- d. to be

15. Policeman: "Can I see your driver's license?" The policeman told me _____ him my driver's license.

- a. to show
- b. showed
- c. showing
- d. show

16. Mr. Bell: "Don't park your car in front of my garage." Mr. Bell told me _____ my car in front of his garage.

- a. don't park
- b. not parking
- c. not to park
- d. can't park

17. Secretary: "Call back on Monday." Mr Brown's secretary told me _____ back next Monday.

- a. call
- b. to call
- c. to calling
- d. called

18. Doctor: "Don't work overtime for a few months." The doctor told Joe _____ overtime for a few months.

- a. don't work
- b. not to work
- c. not working
- d. didn't work

19. Teacher: "Children, be quiet." The teacher told the class _____ quiet.

- a. to be
- b. being
- c. been
- d. be

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20. Mother: "Take a sweater; it's cold outside." Mother told me _____ a sweater because it was cold outside.

- a. take
- b. took
- c. be taking
- d. to take

21. Neighbor: "Stop making so much noise or I'll call the police." Our neighbor told us _____ making so much noise or he'd call the police.

- a. stop
- b. don't
- c. to stop
- d. not

22. Amy: "Please don't tell anyone what I said." Amy asked me _____ anyone what she'd told me.

- a. don't tell
- b. not told
- c. not to tell
- d. not telling

23. Beth: "Take a taxi home; it's late." Beth advised me _____ a taxi home because it was late.

- a. take
- b. to taking
- c. to take
- d. taken

24. Mr. Brown: "Please sit down." Mr. Brown asked me _____ down.

- a. to sit
- b. sitting
- c. sat
- d. sit

25. Mother: "Don't sit on the wet grass!" Mother told us _____ on the wet grass.

- a. not sitting
- b. don't sit
- c. not to sit
- d. can't sit

26. Ann: "Don't walk home alone late at night." Ann advised me _____ home late at night.

- a. not to walk
- b. not walking
- c. don't walk
- d. didn't walk

27. Teacher: "Keep working while I'm out." Our teacher told us _____ working while she was out.

- a. keep
- b. to keep
- c. keeping
- d. kept

28. Mary: "Don't interrupt me!" Mary told Elizabeth _____ her.

- a. don't interrupt
- b. not interrupting
- c. not to interrupt
- d. no interrupting

29. Ellen: "Stir the sauce with a wooden spoon." She told me _____ the sauce with a wooden spoon.

- a. stirring
- b. stir
- c. to stir
- d. stirred

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30. Ms. Jonson: "Don't smoke here." Ms. Jonson told Bob _____ there.

- a. not to smoke
- b. no smoke
- c. don't smoke
- d. can't smoke

31. Elderly lady: "Please help me carry these bags." The elderly lady asked me _____ her carry her bags.

- a. help
- b. to help
- c. helped
- d. to helping

32. Lynn: "Don't go out without your keys!" She reminded me _____ out without my keys.

- a. no going
- b. don't go
- c. not gone
- d. not to go

33. Customer: "Please give me a large steak." The customer asked the butcher _____ her a large steak.

- a. give
- b. to give
- c. giving
- d. to giving

34. Silvia: "Don't eat so quickly!" She told me _____ so quickly.

- a. not to eat
- b. not eating
- c. don't eat
- d. can't eat

35. Mom: "Don't forget to buy some bread on your way home tonight." Mom told me _____ to buy some bread on my way home that evening.

- a. don't forget
- b. not forget
- c. not to forget
- d. didn't forget