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1. She avoids _____ about her personal problems at work.

(A) to talk
(B) talk
(C) talking

2. I regret _____ you that your application has been unsuccessful.

(A) informing
(B) to inform
(C) inform

3. He accused his colleague of _____ the company's money.

(A) stealing
(B) to steal
(C) steal

4. They postponed _____ the final decision until further notice.

(A) to make
(B) making
(C) make

5. I tried _____ him several times, but his phone was switched off.

(A) to contact
(B) contact
(C) contacting

6. Taking this job will mean _____ abroad for at least two years.

(A) to live

(B) living

(C) live

7. He can't afford _____ a new car at the moment.

(A) buying

(B) buy

(C) to buy

8. I really miss _____ with my old university friends.

(A) to hang out

(B) hanging out

(C) hang out

9. The manager encouraged us _____ more responsibility.

(A) taking

(B) take

(C) to take

10. She denied _____ anything about the incident.

(A) to know

(B) knowing

(C) know

11. They managed _____ the problem before the deadline.

(A) solving

(B) to solve

(C) solve

12. Why don't you try _____ a different password? Perhaps that will solve the problem.

(A) to use

(B) using

(C) use

13. He suggested _____ a taxi instead of walking.

(A) to take

(B) take

(C) taking

14. I didn't mean _____ you. I was just trying to help.

(A) upsetting

(B) to upset

(C) upset

15. We decided _____ the meeting until next Monday.

(A) postponing

(B) to postpone

(C) postpone

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Answer Key
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1. She avoids _____ about her personal problems at work.

A to talk

B talk

✓ C talking

i Avoid is always followed by a gerund: avoid doing something.

2. I regret _____ you that your application has been unsuccessful.

A informing

✓ B to inform

C inform

i Regret + to-infinitive is used when announcing or giving unpleasant news.

3. He accused his colleague of _____ the company's money.

✓ A stealing

B to steal

C steal

i The expression accuse someone of is followed by a gerund. 'Of' is a preposition, and verbs after prepositions take -ing.

4. They postponed _____ the final decision until further notice.

A to make

✓ B making

C make

i Postpone is followed by a gerund: postpone doing something.

5. I tried ____ him several times, but his phone was switched off.

✓ **A** to contact

B contact

C contacting

i Try + to-infinitive emphasises the effort made to achieve something.

6. Taking this job will mean ____ abroad for at least two years.

A to live

✓ **B** living

C live

i Mean + gerund expresses that something involves or results in a particular action.

7. He can't afford ____ a new car at the moment.

A buying

B buy

✓ **C** to buy

i Afford is followed by a to-infinitive. We say 'afford to do something'.

8. I really miss ____ with my old university friends.

A to hang out

✓ **B** hanging out

C hang out

i Miss is followed by a gerund when referring to something you no longer do or enjoy.

9. The manager encouraged us ____ more responsibility.

A taking

B take

✓ **C** to take

i Encourage + object is followed by a to-infinitive: encourage someone to do something.

10. She denied _____ anything about the incident.

A to know

✓ B knowing

C know

i Deny is followed by a gerund. We say 'deny doing something'.

11. They managed _____ the problem before the deadline.

A solving

✓ B to solve

C solve

i Manage is followed by a to-infinitive. We say 'manage to do something'.

12. Why don't you try _____ a different password? Perhaps that will solve the problem.

A to use

✓ B using

C use

i Try + gerund suggests experimenting with a possible solution.

13. He suggested _____ a taxi instead of walking.

A to take

B take

✓ C taking

i Suggest is followed by a gerund when suggesting an activity: suggest doing something.

14. I didn't mean _____ you. I was just trying to help.

A upsetting

✓ B to upset

C upset

i Mean + to-infinitive expresses intention. The speaker had no intention of upsetting the other person.

15. We decided _____ the meeting until next Monday.

A postponing

✓ B to postpone

C postpone

i Decide is followed by a to-infinitive. We say 'decide to do something'.