

## ENGLISH FILE UPPER- INTERMEDIATE

### WORKSHEET 8

#### GRAMMAR

##### A- Circle the correct option.

Example: I regret \_\_\_\_\_ you how I felt earlier.

**A not telling**

B not to tell

C not tell

1. The local jeweller's shop \_\_\_\_\_ twice this year.  
A has been robbed      B is robbed      C has robbed
2. We advised our daughter \_\_\_\_\_ the trip alone.  
A not doing      B to not do      C not to do
3. I would recommend \_\_\_\_\_ the castle and the museum.  
A to visit      B visiting      C you visiting
4. A peaceful protest \_\_\_\_\_ when the police broke it up with tear gas.  
A was being held      B is being held      C was held
5. This office block \_\_\_\_\_ into apartments.  
A is turning      B is going to turn      C is going to be turned
6. I'm so glad you \_\_\_\_\_ to that talk - apparently it was really boring.  
A persuaded me not to go      B persuaded not going      C persuaded me not going
7. My friend has accused his neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
A stalking      B of stalking      C to stalk
8. I can't believe you're blaming me \_\_\_\_\_ him to the party.  
A of inviting      B to invite      C for inviting
9. Christoph admitted \_\_\_\_\_ the money.  
A that he had stolen      B to steal      C to stealing
10. Aleksander has been accused \_\_\_\_\_ into people's computers.  
A for hacking      B of hacking      C to hack
11. Vinegar \_\_\_\_\_ good for cleaning windows.  
A is said to be      B says it is      C is saying to be
12. I would never encourage anyone \_\_\_\_\_ night shifts.  
A working      B to working      C to work
13. I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ a break before we discuss the next point.  
A to have      B having      C you having
14. I don't think criminals should \_\_\_\_\_ shorter sentences for pleading guilty.  
A be given      B give      C be giving
15. It \_\_\_\_\_ that the robbers are now hiding in Venezuela.  
A is believing      B is believed      C believes
16. £2m worth of jewellery \_\_\_\_\_ from a city jewellers last night.  
A is being stolen      B was stolen      C has been stolen
17. My boss has refused \_\_\_\_\_ me have the day off for my birthday.  
A letting      B to let      C let
18. The thieves are thought \_\_\_\_\_ paintings worth several million dollars.  
A to have taken      B to take      C that they have taken
19. Elsa told me she regretted \_\_\_\_\_ literature at university.  
A not study      B not to study      C not studying
20. They won't allow the film \_\_\_\_\_ by anyone until its official release date.  
A be seen      B being seen      C to be seen

**B- Complete these reported statements, questions and requests.**

1. 'Where did you put the scissors, John?'  
She wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. 'Can you pick me up after work?'  
Peter's wife asked \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. 'You've already borrowed £50 off me, Val.'  
He pointed out \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. 'Could you take my suit to the dry-cleaner's?'  
I asked her \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. 'When is he leaving?'  
She wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. 'You must be home by ten o'clock.'  
Bob told his son \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. 'What have you been doing all morning?'  
Jack asked her \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. 'Are we going to stay in a hotel?'  
Sandra asked him \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. 'I'm not going to call them until Sunday.'  
Kevin explained \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. 'Will you fix my computer?'  
Gillie asked Richard \_\_\_\_\_ .

**C- Choose the best reporting verb in the box for each situation and turn the sentences into reported speech.**

<i>threaten</i>	<i>agree</i>	<i>offer</i>	<i>refuse</i>	<i>apologize</i>
<i>admit</i>	<i>promise</i>	<i>deny</i>		<i>insist</i>

1. "I'm sorry I didn't follow the instructions."  
She \_\_\_\_\_
2. "No, I won't lend you my bicycle."  
He \_\_\_\_\_
3. "I'll look after your plants while you are away."  
He \_\_\_\_\_
4. "OK, I will come to the police station."  
She \_\_\_\_\_
5. "I want to see my lawyer. Right now!"  
She \_\_\_\_\_
6. "I'll call the police if you don't turn down the music."  
She \_\_\_\_\_
7. "I don't know what you are talking about."  
He \_\_\_\_\_
8. "Why don't we play chess?"  
She \_\_\_\_\_
9. "Yes, I used your mobile phone."  
He \_\_\_\_\_

**D- Rewrite the sentences starting with the given words.**

1. People use a variety of techniques to refine oil.  
A variety \_\_\_\_\_
2. In 1964, Martin Luther King won the Nobel Prize.  
In 1964, the Nobel Prize \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sailors claim that they have seen mermaids for centuries.  
Mermaids \_\_\_\_\_
4. They are taking the refugees to a camp outside the village.  
The refugees \_\_\_\_\_
5. Everybody says that they have cancelled the meeting.  
It is \_\_\_\_\_
6. She was mugged and her purse was stolen.  
She had \_\_\_\_\_
7. We need somebody to fix the tap.  
We need to \_\_\_\_\_
8. They reported that fifteen people were injured in the accident.  
Fifteen people \_\_\_\_\_
9. When I arrived there, the secretary was typing the letters.  
When I arrived there, the letters \_\_\_\_\_
10. Many people knew that those factories had polluted many rivers.  
It \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY**

**Choose the correct words.**

**Example:** A man was arrested for the \_\_\_\_\_.

A vandalize      **B vandalism**      C vandal

1. I often listen to the football on Radio 5 - I really like their \_\_\_\_\_.  
A reporter      B commentator      C editor
2. The judge \_\_\_\_\_ each member of the gang to six years in prison.  
A sentenced      B committed      C punished
3. Both of the men were \_\_\_\_\_ and walked out of the court free.  
A investigated      B arrested      C acquitted
4. Bradley is \_\_\_\_\_ to take Oscar for best actor this year.  
A vowed      B tipped      C axed
5. Nobody has been arrested for the crime, but the police are \_\_\_\_\_ four boys.  
A charging      B acquitting      C questioning
6. \_\_\_\_\_ take people by force, and often ask for money to release them.  
A Smugglers      B Kidnappers      C Burglars
7. \_\_\_\_\_ attack people in the street and steal their money.  
A Terrorists      B Vandals      C Muggers
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't agree so it was weeks until they finally reached a decision.  
A jury      B judge      C verdict
9. \_\_\_\_\_ follow people everywhere and try to make contact with them.  
A Blackmailers      B Fraudsters      C Stalkers
10. The newspaper article wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ - I spotted a lot of mistakes.  
A sensational      B accurate      C biased
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ decided to change the front page of the newspaper at the last minute.  
A reporter      B editor      C presenter

12. A 26-year-old man has been \_\_\_\_\_ with drug dealing.  
A questioned      B arrested      C charged
13. I didn't go to see the film because it had such bad \_\_\_\_\_ in my newspaper.  
A forecasts      B critics      C reviews
14. This article has definitely been \_\_\_\_\_. There's lots of key information missing.  
A censored      B advertised      C reported
15. Politicians \_\_\_\_\_ over climate change proposal.  
A bid      B clash      C tip
16. \_\_\_\_\_ smashed windows in the town centre last night.  
A Vandals      B Witnesses      C Murderers
17. If you want to be a \_\_\_\_\_, you have to be well-dressed and comfortable on TV.  
A photographer      B newsreader      C commentator
18. \_\_\_\_\_ threaten to release information that someone wants to keep secret.  
A Hijackers      B Terrorists      C Blackmailers
19. Mustafa's a \_\_\_\_\_ reporter so he works for different newspapers.  
A biased      B paparazzi      C freelance
20. They use such ridiculously strong and \_\_\_\_\_ language in this newspaper.  
A objective      B sensational      C accurate