

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 he _____.
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