Verbal Practice

Identify the underlined part of speech.

1. The thief **arrested** for the robbery shot at the security guard.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

2. The flag **waving** in the wind is inspirational.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

3. They are sure the extra **planning** will make a difference in the end.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

4. Jamal's **confusing** message did nothing to solve the mystery.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

5. Godzilla made a game of **smashing** all of the red cars parked near the lake.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

6. The politician's **broken** promises were all that the voters remembered.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

7. **Delighted** with the opportunity to learn, Christine took the internship in New York.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

8. While **playing** the tuba, Orin felt as if his world was perfect.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

9. The show offers everyone a chance **to be** a millionaire.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

10. Samuel decided that **missing** the lecture every day was hurting his grade.
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11. The kittens **crouching** under the bed have refused to come out.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

12. The swimmer, **driven** by the need to be the best in the world, made himself sick with anxiety.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

13. My friend was surprised by the **lighting** in the theater.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

14. Brenda seemed **surprised** with the team's decision to withdraw.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

15. **Completing** the obstacle course is harder than it looks.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

16. Billy refused **to accept** the idea that his birthday cake was gone.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

17. The marathon runner, **pushed** to the edge of endurance, collapsed at the finish line.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

18. Fred's **arguing** every call is getting frustrating.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

19. Al hopes that **giving** the players a break will improve their attitudes.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

20. The **completed** meal was so beautiful that we hesitated to eat it.
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive