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.  
a. gerund b. participle c. infinitive

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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