Identifying Gerunds, Participles and Infinitives

Directions: Read each of the following sentences to determine whether the sentence contains a gerund, participle, or infinitive. At the left of the number, write G, P, or I.

- 1. Facing college standards, the students realized that they hadn't worked hard enough in high school.
- 2. Swimming in your pool is always fun.
- 3. The college recommends sending applications early.
- 4. Mrs. Sears showing more bravery than wisdom invited thirty boys and girls to a party.
- 5. To be great is to be true to yourself and to the highest principles of honor.
- 6. He won the game by scoring during the overtime period.
- 7. Jim is expected to program computers at his new job.
- 8. Her most important achievement was winning the national championship.
- 9. Going to work today took all my energy.
- 10. The student left in charge of the class was unable to keep order.
- 11. The president wants to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.
- 12. Fighting for a losing cause made them depressed.
- 13. Getting up at five, we got an early start.
- 14. Telling your father was a mistake.
- 15. The crying boy angered by the bully began to fight.
- 16. Applicants must investigate various colleges learning as much as possible about them before applying for admission.
- 17. Statistics reported by the National Education Association revealed that seventy percent of American colleges offer remedial English classes emphasizing composition.
- 18. Gathering my courage, I asked for a temporary loan.
- 19. Starting out as an army officer Karen's father was frequently transferred.
- 20. To fight against those odds would be ridiculous.