Gerund or infinitive - grammar exercise

Some verbs are followed by infinitives while others are followed by gerunds. There are also some verbs that are followed by both gerunds and infinitives.

Complete the following sentences using the appropriate verb form. Each question has only one correct answer.

1. I have …………………. soon.
   - to go
   - going

2. They refused …………………… the matter any further.
   - to discuss
   - discussing

3. He threatened ………………… me if I didn’t give him the key.
   - to shoot
   - shooting

4. I promise …………………… you tomorrow.
   - visiting
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to visit

5. He intends …………………… a business.

to start
starting

6. The teacher taught the children ………………… the truth.

to tell
telling

7. Jack told me …………………… dressed in ten minutes.

to get
getting

8. Susie wishes ……………………. music.

to learn
learning
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9. He learned ....................... English in six months.

to speak
speaking

10. I dared him ....................... across the river.

jumping
to jump

Answers

1. I have to go soon.

2. They refused to discuss the matter any further.

3. He threatened to shoot me if I didn’t give him the key.

4. I promise to visit you tomorrow.

5. He intends to start a business.

6. The teacher taught the children to tell the truth.

7. Jack told me to get dressed in ten minutes.
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8. Susie wishes to learn music.

9. He learned to speak English in six months.

10. I dared him to jump across the river.