

## USE OF THE INFINITIVE WITH “TO”

<b>Main theme addressed</b>	In this lesson, you will learn about the verbs that need to be followed by an infinitive with “to”.
<b>Key Goals</b>	<p>Here is an outline of what you will learn today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The patterns to build positive, negative and interrogative sentences with verbs followed by an infinitive with “to”.</li> </ul>

### 1. The patterns to build positive, negative and interrogative sentences with verbs followed by an infinitive with “to”.

After these verbs you can use **“TO” + INFINITIVE**:

- Offer
- Decide
- Hope
- Promise
- Agree
- Plan
- Refuse
- Arrange
- Fail
- Forget
- Learn

Examples:

It was late so we **decided** to take a taxi home.

How old were you when you **learnt** to swim?

I tried the English exam but I **failed** it.

I **promise** to do my best to help you.

- The negative form is **“NOT TO” + INFINITIVE**

**Exercise:**

**Complete the sentences for these short dialogues:**

**For example: - Please help me. - OK She agreed to help him.**

1. - Shall we get married? - Yes, let's.

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. - Can I carry your bag for you? - No, thanks.

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. - Let's meet at 8.00 o'clock. - OK, fine.

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. - What's your name? - I'm not going to tell you.

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. - Please, don't tell anyone. - I won't. I promise.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise:**

**Complete each sentence with a suitable verb.**

**Choose one of the following verbs: write, not buy, use, pass**

**For example:** She offered me **to drive** me home.

1. Don't forget \_\_\_\_\_ me an email tomorrow. (write)
2. Jill has decided \_\_\_\_\_ a new English dictionary. (not buy)
3. We've got a new computer at school but I haven't learnt \_\_\_\_\_ it yet. (use)
4. Karen failed \_\_\_\_\_ her driving test. (pass)

We also use **"TO" + INFINITIVE** after:

- seem
- appear
- pretend

**Examples:**

They **seem** to have plenty of money.

Jenny **appears** to know what she's doing.

Anne **pretended** not to see me in the corridor.

After some verbs you can use the question words **what, where, how + "to" + infinitive:**

- ask
- decide
- know
- remember
- forget
- explain

- learn
- understand

Examples:

We haven't decided **what** to do on Saturday.

Have you decided **where** to go for your holidays?

Do you understand **how** to do it?

**Exercise:**

**Complete each sentence using what, how, where + one of the following verbs: do, sit, ride, say, use.**

**For example: do you know how to get to John's house?**

1. Can you show me \_\_\_\_\_ this washing machine?
2. Would you know \_\_\_\_\_ if there was a fire in the building?
3. You'll never forget \_\_\_\_\_ a bicycle once you've learnt.
4. I was really astonished. I didn't know \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The teacher never tells the kids \_\_\_\_\_ in the classroom.

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