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🔍 How to survive your boyfriend's parents first meet?

Plan ...  
Offer ...  
Try ...

You don't want ...  
Don't forget ...  
Pretend ...



## How to survive meeting your partner's parents for the first time

- 1 Do some 'homework' before you go.** Ask your partner about his or her parents. Where do they work? Do you have any common interests? If you do this, it will be easy to have a conversation with them.
- 2 Be ready to answer questions about yourself!** Most parents want to know about their son or daughter's future partner, for example about their ambitions. Try to make a good impression!
- 3 If you are invited for a meal, eat everything!** It's also a good idea to say something positive about the meal, like 'This is absolutely delicious!' Offer to help with the washing-up after the meal.
- 4 Be yourself and don't just agree with everything they say.** If they ask you for your opinion, be honest. However, try not to talk about controversial subjects – this isn't the moment to give your views on religion and politics!
- 5 Avoid embarrassing silences.** If the conversation is dying and you can't think what to say, ask them what your partner was like as a child. All parents love talking about their children.

Are your  
ideas here?



## Verb + infinitive

Review

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- 1 decide We've decided  to France for our holiday.
- 2 forget Don't forget  all the lights.
- 3 hope We hope  you again soon.
- 4 learn I'm learning . My test is next month.
- 5 need I need  to the supermarket. We don't have any milk.
- 6 offer He offered  me with my case.
- 7 plan They're planning  soon.

to + verb

to go \_\_\_\_\_

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## Verb + infinitive

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- 8 pretend He pretended  ill, but he wasn't really.
- 9 promise He's promised  me back when he gets a job.
- 10 remember Remember  your dictionaries to class tomorrow.
- 11 start It was very cloudy and it started .
- 12 try I'm trying  a job, but it's very hard.
- 13 want I want  the six o'clock train.
- 14 would like I'd like  a new car next month.

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Now, make sentences using the verbs + to infinitive.





### Match sentences a–c to rules 1–3.

- a  Check the weather forecast **to make sure** your clothes are right.
- b  Decide what **to wear** the night before.
- c  ...don't be afraid **to ask** for help.

#### Use the infinitive with to...

- 1 after adjectives
- 2 to give a reason for doing something
- 3 after a question word, e.g. *who, what, how*





## USES OF THE TO INFINITIVE

- 1 You need **to be** on time.  
Try **not to talk** too much.
- 2 It'll be nice **to meet** new people.  
It's important **not to be** late.
- 3 I don't know where **to go** or what **to do**.
- 4 **A** Why did you wear a suit?  
**B To make** a good impression.  
I wore a suit **to make** a good impression.

- The infinitive is the base form of the verb. It is often used with *to*. It can be positive (e.g. *to be*) or negative (e.g. *not to be*).





## USES OF THE TO INFINITIVE

- We use the infinitive with to:
  - 1 after some verbs, e.g. *want, need, would like*, etc.  
See **Verb forms** p.158.
  - 2 after adjectives.
  - 3 after questions words, e.g. *what, where, when*, etc.
  - 4 to say why you do / did something.  
*I came to this school **to learn** English. **NOT** ~~for~~learn English.*



### Infinitive without to

Remember that we use the infinitive without to with auxiliary verbs (*do / does / didn't*) and after most modal verbs (*can, could, will, would*, etc.), e.g. **Do you live** near here?  
**Can you help** me? **I won't forget**. What **would you do**?





## Choose one and give tips!

- How to survive...**
- a job interview
  - a party where you don't know anyone
  - a family holiday





Listen and complete the questions. After that, answer them.

- 1 Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ something new and failed?
- 2 How important is it to know \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3 How long do you usually spend deciding \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning?
- 4 Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ your phone during a class or concert?

- 5 Where are you \_\_\_\_\_ for your next holiday?
- 6 Are you \_\_\_\_\_ next weekend?
- 7 Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ in another country?
- 8 Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ when you weren't?
- 9 Do you think it's important \_\_\_\_\_ at school?
- 10 Do you think it's possible \_\_\_\_\_ with an ex-boyfriend or girlfriend?

