

## Grammar reference

**THE SUBJECTIVE INFINITIVE CONSTRUCTION***to seem, to appear*

|                  |                |                                                                                        |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I, you, we, they | seem           | <b>to do</b><br><b>to be doing</b><br><b>to have done</b><br><b>to have been doing</b> |
|                  | don't seem     |                                                                                        |
|                  | appear         |                                                                                        |
|                  | don't appear   |                                                                                        |
| he, she, it      | seems          |                                                                                        |
|                  | doesn't seem   |                                                                                        |
|                  | appears        |                                                                                        |
|                  | doesn't appear |                                                                                        |

**TASK**

**Paraphrase the sentences below using the subjective infinitive construction with *to seem, to appear* so that the meaning stays the same.**

- It seems that he's looking for something.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ for something.
- It seems that he knows a lot about history.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ a lot about history.
- It seems that he has broken his arm.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.
- It seems that the team has been struggling with their new strategy.  
The team \_\_\_\_\_ with their new strategy.
- It appears that she likes classical music.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ classical music.
- It seems that she has lost her keys again.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ her keys again.
- It seems that he works very hard every day.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ very hard every day.
- It appears that he has been running for quite a while.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ for quite a while.
- It seems that he has forgotten about our meeting.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ about our meeting.
- It appears that the dog has been barking nonstop since noon.

- The dog \_\_\_\_\_ nonstop since noon.
11. It seems that they want a bigger house.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ a bigger house.
  12. It seems that she's talking to someone on the phone.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ to someone on the phone.
  13. It appears that the neighbors have moved away.  
The neighbors \_\_\_\_\_ away.
  14. It appears that they're waiting for someone at the station.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ for someone at the station.
  15. It seems that the dog recognizes its owner.  
The dog \_\_\_\_\_ its owner.
  16. It appears that the kids have been playing in the mud.  
The kids \_\_\_\_\_ in the mud.
  17. It appears that they're having a great time at the party.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ a great time at the party.
  18. It seems that the audience is enjoying the performance.  
The audience \_\_\_\_\_ the performance.
  19. It seems that he has made a mistake.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ a mistake.
  20. It seems that she has been crying all night.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ all night.