



# Indefinite and continuous infinitives

GRAMMAR

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## INDEFINITE AND CONTINUOUS INFINITIVES

- **Indefinite Infinitive** (to + verb) is used for a **general action**.

e.g. *I need to talk to you.*  
*He can speak English.*

- **Continuous Infinitive** (to be + verb-ing) is used for an **action in progress** at a specific moment.

e.g. *She must be joking.*  
*The baby seems to be sleeping.*

### • Put in the right form of the infinitive.

1. The live video feed doesn't seem \_\_\_\_\_ (to work) any more.
2. I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ (to learn) German.
3. She must \_\_\_\_\_ (to work) hard if she wants to get good results.
4. Overall he seems \_\_\_\_\_ (to do) fine.
5. You must \_\_\_\_\_ (read) my mind because that's exactly what I was going to say.
6. They seem \_\_\_\_\_ (to work) on multiple projects.
7. We may \_\_\_\_\_ (to work) hard, but we are not working smart.
8. Try \_\_\_\_\_ (not to be) back late.
9. I didn't want to talk to him, so I pretended \_\_\_\_\_ (to read) the newspaper.
10. All of the lights in her flat are turned off. She must \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep).

### • Make a new sentence using the verb in brackets.

1. Rachel is enjoying her job. (seem)
2. My English is getting better. (seem)
3. Perhaps Ana is playing football outside. (may)
4. I'm almost sure he is joking. (must)
5. I don't believe he is listening to music now. (can't)

