

## A

offer	decide	hope	deserve	promise
agree	plan	manage	afford	threaten
refuse	arrange	fail	forget	learn

After these verbs you can use to ... (infinitive):

- It was late, so we **decided to take** a taxi home.
- Simon was in a difficult situation, so I **agreed to help** him.
- How old were you when you **learnt to drive**? (or learnt **how to drive**)
- I waved to Karen, but **failed to attract** her attention.

The negative is **not to ...**:

- We **decided not to go** out because of the weather.
- I **promised not to be** late.

After some verbs to ... is not possible. For example, **enjoy/think/suggest**:

- I **enjoy reading**. (not enjoy to read)
- Andy **suggested meeting** for coffee. (not suggested to meet)
- Are you **thinking of buying** a car? (not thinking to buy)

For verb + -ing, see Unit 53. For verb + preposition + -ing, see Unit 62.

## B

After **dare** you can use the infinitive with or without **to**:

- I **wouldn't dare to tell** him. or I **wouldn't dare tell** him.

But after **dare not** (or **daren't**), you must use the infinitive without **to**:

- I **daren't tell** him what happened. (not I **daren't to tell** him)

## C

We also use **to ...** after:

seem	appear	tend	pretend	claim
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For example:

- They **seem to have** plenty of money.
- I like Dan, but I think he **tends to talk** too much.
- Ann **pretended not to see** me when she passed me in the street.

There is also a *continuous* infinitive (**to be doing**) and a *perfect* infinitive (**to have done**):

- I **pretended to be reading** the paper. (= I pretended that I **was reading**)
- You **seem to have lost** weight. (= it seems that you **have lost** weight)
- Joe **seems to be enjoying** his new job. (= it seems that he **is enjoying** it)

## D

After some verbs you can use a question word (**what/whether/how** etc.) + **to ...**

We use this structure especially after:

ask	decide	know	remember	forget	explain	learn	understand	wonder
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We asked	how	to get	to the station.
Have you <b>decided</b>	where	to go	for your holidays?
I don't know	whether	to apply	for the job or not.
Do you <b>understand</b>	what	to do?	

Also

**show/tell/ask/advise/teach** somebody **what/how/where** to do something:

- Can somebody **show me how to use** this camera?
- Ask Jack. He'll **tell you what to do**.

# Exercises

## 54.1 Complete the sentences for these situations.

- 1 Shall we get married?  Yes, let's.
- 2 Please help me.  OK.
- 3 Can I carry your bag for you?  No, thanks. I can manage.
- 4 Let's meet at 8 o'clock.  OK, fine.
- 5 What's your name?  I'm not going to tell you.
- 6 Please don't tell anyone.  I won't. I promise.

They decided to get married

She agreed

He offered

They arranged

She refused

She promised

## 54.2 Complete each sentence with a suitable verb.

- 1 Don't forget to lock the door when you go out.
- 2 There was a lot of traffic, but we managed to the airport in time.
- 3 We couldn't afford in London. It's too expensive.
- 4 We've got new computer software in our office. I haven't learnt it yet.
- 5 Mark doesn't know what happened. I decided not him.
- 6 We were all afraid to speak. Nobody dared anything.

## 54.3 Put the verb into the correct form, to ... or -ing. (See Unit 53 for verbs + -ing.)

- 1 When I'm tired, I enjoy watching television. It's relaxing. (watch)
- 2 I've decided for another job. I need a change. (look)
- 3 Let's get a taxi. I don't fancy home. (walk)
- 4 I'm not in a hurry. I don't mind . (wait)
- 5 Tina ran in a marathon last week, but she failed . (finish)
- 6 I wish that dog would stop . It's driving me crazy. (bark)
- 7 Our neighbour threatened the police if we didn't stop the noise. (call)
- 8 We were hungry, so I suggested dinner early. (have)
- 9 Hurry up! I don't want to risk the train. (miss)
- 10 They didn't know I was listening to them. I pretended asleep. (be)

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

- 1 You've lost weight. (seem) You seem to have lost weight.
- 2 Tom is worried about something. (appear) Tom appears
- 3 You know a lot of people. (seem) You
- 4 My English is getting better. (seem)
- 5 That car has broken down. (appear)
- 6 David forgets things. (tend)
- 7 They have solved the problem. (claim)

## 54.5 Complete each sentence using what/how/where/whether + these verbs:

do get go put ride use

- 1 Do you know how to get to John's house?
- 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've been invited to the party, but I haven't decided or not.
- 5 My room is very untidy. I've got so many things and I don't know them.
- 6 I have some clothes to wash. Can you show me the washing machine?