

# Verb (+ object) + to ... (I want you to ... etc.)

**A**

want	ask	help	would like
expect	beg	mean (= intend)	would prefer

These verbs are followed by **to ... (infinitive)**. The structure can be:

**verb + to ...**

**or**

**verb + object + to ...**

- We **expected to be** late.
- Would you like to go** now?
- He doesn't **want to know**.
- We expected **Dan to be** late.
- Would you like me to go** now?
- He doesn't want **anybody to know**.

Do not say 'want that':

- Do you **want me to come** with you? (not Do you want that I come)

After **help** you can use the infinitive with or without **to**. So you can say:

- Can you help me **to move** this table? or Can you help me **move** this table?

**B**

tell	remind	force	encourage	teach	enable
order	warn	invite	persuade	get (= persuade)	

These verbs have the structure **verb + object + to ...**:

- Can you **remind me to call** Sam tomorrow?
- Who **taught you to drive**?
- I didn't move the piano by myself. I **got somebody to help** me.
- Joe said the switch was dangerous and **warned me not to touch** it.

In the next example, the verb is **passive** (I was warned / we were told etc.):

- I **was warned not to touch** the switch.

You cannot use **suggest** with the structure **verb + object + to ...**:

- Jane **suggested that I ask** your advice. (not Jane suggested me to ask)

**C**

After **advise** and **allow**, two structures are possible. Compare:

**verb + -ing** (without an object)

- I wouldn't **advise staying** in that hotel.
- They don't **allow parking** in front of the building.

**verb + object + to ...**

- I wouldn't **advise anybody to stay** in that hotel.
- They don't **allow people to park** in front of the building.

Study these examples with **(be) allowed** (passive):

- Parking **isn't allowed** in front of the building.
- You **aren't allowed to park** in front of the building.

**D**

Make and let

These verbs have the structure **verb + object + infinitive** (without **to**):

- I **made him promise** that he wouldn't tell anybody what happened. (not to promise)
- Hot weather **makes me feel** tired. (= causes me to feel tired)
- Her parents wouldn't **let her go** out alone. (= wouldn't allow her to go out)
- Let me carry** your bag for you.

We say '**make** somebody **do**' (not to do), but in the **passive** we say '**made to do**' (with **to**):

- We were made to wait** for two hours. (= They made us wait ...)

**55.1** Complete the questions. Use **do you want me to ... ?** or **would you like me to ... ?** with these verbs (+ any other necessary words):

come lend repeat show shut wait

- 1 Do you want to go alone, or do you want me to come with you ?
- 2 Do you have enough money, or do you want me to lend you some ?
- 3 Shall I leave the window open, or would you like me to ?
- 4 Do you know how to use the machine, or would you like me to show you ?
- 5 Did you hear what I said, or do you want me to repeat it ?
- 6 Can I go now, or do you want me to shut the door ?

**55.2** Complete the sentences for these situations.

1

Meet me at the station.



OK.

She told him to meet her at the station.

2

Why don't you come and stay with us?



That would be nice.

They invited him.

3

Don't forget to call Joe.



No, I won't forget.

He reminded her.

4

Be careful.



Don't worry. I will.

She warned.

5

Can you give me a hand?



Sure.

He asked.

**55.3** Complete each second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first sentence.

- 1 My father said I could use his car. My father allowed me to use his car.
- 2 I was surprised that it rained. I didn't expect it to rain.
- 3 Don't stop him doing what he wants. Let him do what he wants.
- 4 Tim looks older when he wears glasses. Tim's glasses make him look older.
- 5 I think you should know the truth. I want you to know the truth.
- 6 At first I didn't want to apply for the job, but Sarah persuaded me. Sarah persuaded me to apply for the job.
- 7 My lawyer said I shouldn't say anything to the police. My lawyer advised me not to say anything to the police.
- 8 I was told that I shouldn't believe everything he says. I was warned not to believe everything he says.
- 9 If you've got a car, you are able to get around more easily. Having a car enables you to get around more easily.

**55.4** Put the verb into the correct form: infinitive (do/make/eat etc.), to + infinitive, or -ing.

- 1 They don't allow people to park in front of the building. (park)
- 2 I've never been to Hong Kong, but I'd like to go there. (go)
- 3 I'm in a difficult position. What do you advise me to do ? (do)
- 4 The film was very sad. It made me cry. (cry)
- 5 Lisa's parents always encouraged her to study hard at school. (study)
- 6 If you want to get a cheap flight, I'd advise you to book early. (book)
- 7 Sarah wouldn't let me borrow her car. She doesn't trust me. (borrow)
- 8 If you enter a country with a tourist visa, you are normally not allowed to work there. (work)
- 9 'I don't think Alex likes me.' 'What makes you think that?' (think)