

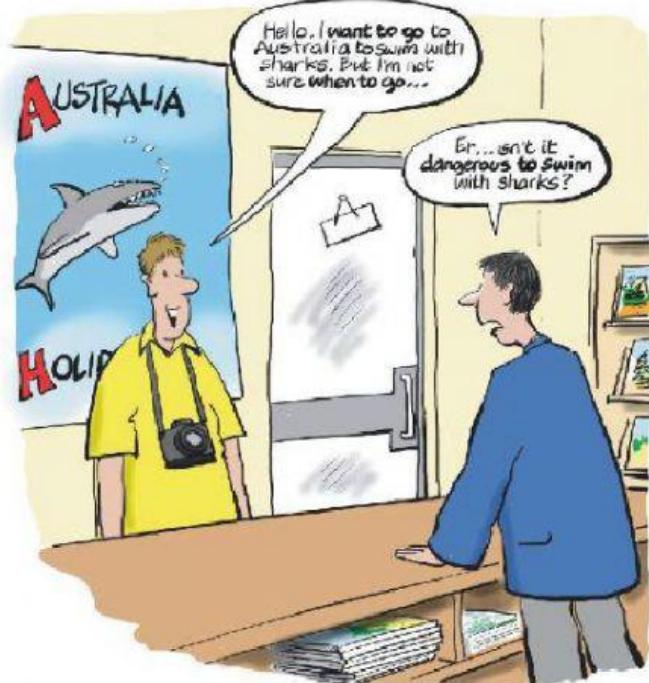
## 6B Uses of to + infinitive

The infinitive is the dictionary form of the verb (*go, swim, be, have* etc.).

We use *to + infinitive* (*to go, to swim, to be*, etc.) in many different patterns.

The negative is *not + to + infinitive* (*not to go, not to swim, not to be* etc.).

# To + infinitive



### 1 Infinitive of purpose

Use *to + infinitive* to give a reason:

**A** *Why did you go to Egypt?*

**B** *To see the sharks.*

*I looked in the mirror to check my hair.*

*Read a book to relax.*

### 2 verb + *to* + infinitive

When two verbs go together in a sentence, c followed by *to + infinitive*:

*I wanted to visit Australia.*

*I decided not to go home.*

Some of the verbs that follow this pattern are: *choose, decide, want, would like, try, promise, expect, remember, forget, need, plan, learn, offer.*

### 3 adjective + *to* + infinitive

Many adjectives can be followed by *to + infinitive*:

*I was surprised to get the job.*

*It's important not to forget people's names at work.*

### 4 verb + question word + *to* + infinitive

Some verbs can be followed by a question word + *to + infinitive*:

*I forgot what to do.*

*I don't know who to ask.*

*Can you tell me where to go?*

*I can't decide what to wear.*

Some of the verbs that follow this pattern are: *ask, decide, explain, forget, know, show, tell, understand*

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a Match the sentence halves 1–7 with the best ending.

1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e It's dangerous	a to get some sleep.
2 <input type="checkbox"/> They went to the gym	b to buy some food.
3 <input type="checkbox"/> He drove to the shops	c to visit Paris!
4 <input type="checkbox"/> It will be great	d to apply for the job.
5 <input type="checkbox"/> I'm going to bed	e to text and drive.
6 <input type="checkbox"/> She was disappointed	f to do some exercise.
7 <input type="checkbox"/> She emailed the company	g not to pass her exam.

b Complete the sentences with the correct question word + *to* + infinitive.

which to buy what to watch where to go

how to use ~~what to do~~ how to get who to speak to

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- 1 I don't know what to do about my problem.
- 2 Can you show me                    this computer?
- 3 I can't decide                    for my holiday.
- 4 Do you know                    to the station?
- 5 I'm not sure                    on TV tonight.
- 6 I like both these dresses. I can't decide                   .
- 7 Can you tell me                    about getting a refund?

Use the verbs in the box to complete the sentences with a positive or negative *to* + infinitive.

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read eat break listen wear receive go arrive

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- 1 I bought this book to read about sharks.
- 2 It's expensive to eat in restaurants every day.
- 3 I was annoyed to receive a reply to my email.
- 4 It's rude to break when she's talking.
- 5 We promise not to eat anything.
- 6 I don't know what to wear to the wedding.
- 7 You should leave now to arrive on time.
- 8 I decided not to go to the party. I was too tired.