

Infinitive clauses

You can use the following structure with the verbs below:

S + V + object + (not) to V



'I want you to remember this!'

advise, allow, ask, beg, cause, convince, enable, encourage, expect, force, get, help, intend, invite, mean, order, persuade, push, recommend, remind, take (time), teach, tell, urge, warn, want, need, would like, would hate, would prefer can also be used with the same structure.

Ex: *I need you to do something for me.*

*I would prefer you **not to** tell her about it.*

*(Like Shakespeare, in the negative form, use **not to V**!)*

She wants me to go with the doctor's with her.

They would like me to be available at all times.



"To be, or not to be, that is the Question"

William Shakespeare (Hamlet)

Let's practice !

1. Use the following pairs of verbs in the right form to make meaningful sentences.

encourage / work expect / stay allow / discover would not like / think take / get warn / stop

- The supporters were disappointed as they the manager at least for one more season.
- It us ages to the hotel last week.
- I you I don't appreciate your help !
- He me bothering her.
- Their teacher his students regularly.
- Speaking several languages will you new cultures.

2. Fill in the gaps with the objects and the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

When I was a young teenager, my parents were the worst, or that's what I used to think. For a start, they didn't allow (me / go out) with my friends. However much I always begged (them / let) me go out, they would always force (me / stay) home. As a teenager, I remember thinking that they just didn't want (me / have) fun. It wasn't just that I wasn't allowed to hang out with my friends, but they were always telling me to help (them / do) all sort of things around the house: washing dishes, mopping floors, dusting my room, you name it. I remember how much I used to think I hated them at the time. I often imagined them having an accident, or a very nasty event that caused (them / get) hurt. At the time, my utter selfishness didn't let me see that my parents just intended (me/turn) right. They didn't want (their son / be) a loser, and they did everything they could to achieve that. Now I have a teenage son myself, and I have to admit that I'm doing to him everything I hated my parents doing to me.

