

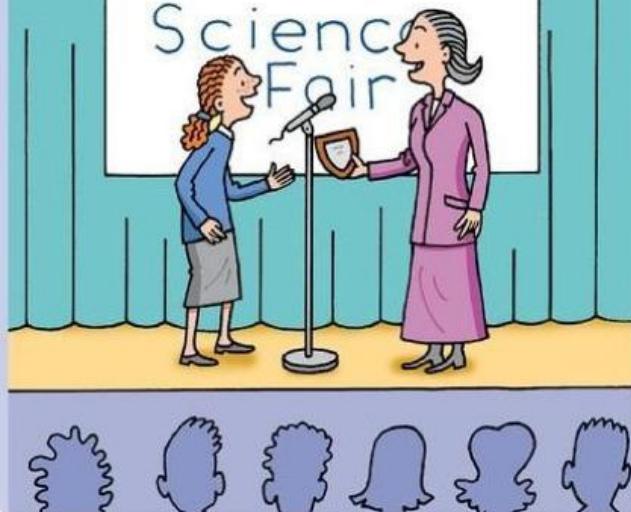
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# To + the infinitive and the -ing form

I can decide when to use **to + the infinitive** form or the **-ing** form.

## To + the infinitive

I'm delighted **to give** first prize to Jane and her team. I want **to thank** everyone for supporting her.



We use **to + the infinitive** (or **base form**) when we talk about purpose.

*I went to the shop **to buy** some bread.*

*She phoned Mary **to invite** her to the cinema.*

We use **to + the infinitive** after some verbs (e.g. **agree**, **decide**, **hope**, **learn**, **want**, **would like**)

*I **agreed to meet** her at seven o'clock.*

*We **hope to win** the match on Saturday.*

But we don't use **to + the infinitive** with modal verbs (e.g. **must**, **should**, **will**).

*You **mustn't** **to be** late.*

*He **should** **to practise** every day.*

We can use **to + the infinitive** after **It + be + adjective**.

*It's **important to revise** before an exam.*

*It was **easy to find** your house.*

To talk about people's feelings we can use **be + adjective + to + the infinitive**.

*I'm **very happy to be** here.*

*He was **surprised to see** the head teacher in his lesson.*

### Practice 1. Rewrite the sentences using **to + the infinitive**.

- ▶ I looked at the website. I found the information.
- I looked at the website \_\_\_\_\_ information.

1. Beth gets up early. She catches the bus.
- Beth gets up early \_\_\_\_\_ the bus.
2. We went to the library. We borrowed some books.
- We went to the library \_\_\_\_\_ some books.
3. He's going to wash cars. He's going to earn some money.
- He's going to wash cars \_\_\_\_\_ some money.

4. Julia did the washing-up. She helped her parents.  
→ Julia did the washing-up \_\_\_\_\_ her parents.

5. She's saving money. She's going to pay for a ticket to Miami.  
→ She's saving money \_\_\_\_\_ for a ticket to Miami.

6. Toby went to the shops. He bought some jeans.  
→ Toby went to the shops \_\_\_\_\_ some jeans.

7. I'm standing on a ladder. I'm going to paint the house.  
→ I'm standing on a ladder \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

8. Mandy sent a message to Cathy. She told her about the party.  
→ Mandy sent a message to Cathy \_\_\_\_\_ her about the party.

**Practice 2.** Make sentences with the phrases provided

1. I/ decided/ get up early/ tomorrow.

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2. We/ hope/ win/ the football match/ this Sunday.

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3. Pete / learnt/ read and write/ he/ was/ six.

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4. She / should/ agree/ stay at home/ tonight.

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5. It is important / revise / vocabulary / at least 10 minutes/everyday