

Grammar reference

THE SUBJECTIVE INFINITIVE CONSTRUCTION*to seem, to appear*

I, you, we, they	seem	to do to be doing to have done to have been doing
	don't seem	
	appear	
	don't appear	
he, she, it	seems	
	doesn't seem	
	appears	
	doesn't appear	

TASK

Paraphrase the sentences below using the subjective infinitive construction with *to seem, to appear* so that the meaning stays the same.

- It seems that he's looking for something.
He _____ for something.
- It seems that he knows a lot about history.
He _____ a lot about history.
- It seems that he has broken his arm.
He _____ his arm.
- It seems that the team has been struggling with their new strategy.
The team _____ with their new strategy.
- It appears that she likes classical music.
She _____ classical music.
- It seems that she has lost her keys again.
She _____ her keys again.
- It seems that he works very hard every day.
He _____ very hard every day.
- It appears that he has been running for quite a while.
He _____ for quite a while.
- It seems that he has forgotten about our meeting.
He _____ about our meeting.
- It appears that the dog has been barking nonstop since noon.

- The dog _____ nonstop since noon.
11. It seems that they want a bigger house.
They _____ a bigger house.
12. It seems that she's talking to someone on the phone.
She _____ to someone on the phone.
13. It appears that the neighbors have moved away.
The neighbors _____ away.
14. It appears that they're waiting for someone at the station.
They _____ for someone at the station.
15. It seems that the dog recognizes its owner.
The dog _____ its owner.
16. It appears that the kids have been playing in the mud.
The kids _____ in the mud.
17. It appears that they're having a great time at the party.
They _____ a great time at the party.
18. It seems that the audience is enjoying the performance.
The audience _____ the performance.
19. It seems that he has made a mistake.
He _____ a mistake.
20. It seems that she has been crying all night.
She _____ all night.