

## Grammar reference

## THE SUBJECTIVE INFINITIVE CONSTRUCTION

to seem, to appear

	seem	
	don't seem	
I, you, we, they	appear	<b>to do</b>
	don't appear	<b>to be doing</b>
	seems	<b>to have done</b>
	doesn't seem	<b>to have been doing</b>
he, she, it	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.

1. It seems that he's looking for something.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ for something.
2. It seems that he knows a lot about history.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ a lot about history.
3. It seems that he has broken his arm.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.
4. It seems that the team has been struggling with their new strategy.  
The team \_\_\_\_\_ with their new strategy.
5. It appears that she likes classical music.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ classical music.
6. It seems that she has lost her keys again.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ her keys again.
7. It seems that he works very hard every day.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ very hard every day.
8. It appears that he has been running for quite a while.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ for quite a while.
9. It seems that he has forgotten about our meeting.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ about our meeting.
10. 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.