

A CLOSER LOOK 2

Grammar

Question words before to-infinitives

Remember!

- We use a question word such as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, or *how* before a to-infinitive to express an indirect question about what we should do.
- We often use a verb such as *ask*, *wonder*, *(not) decide*, *(not) tell*, or *(not) know* before the question word + to-infinitive.

Example:

We don't know **what** to do to help the community.

She asked **how** to get to the nearest shopping mall.

1 Fill in each blank with a suitable question word.

1. I don't know _____ to deal with this problem.
2. My sister wondered _____ to buy the best cakes.
3. Could you tell me _____ to do to get on well with my new neighbours?
4. They asked _____ to take out the rubbish, at 5 or 6 p.m.
5. He can't decide _____ to give his books to.

2 Rewrite the sentences using question words + to-infinitives.

1. I don't know how I can get to the swimming pool.

2. They are wondering where they can buy traditional handicrafts.

3. She asked what she should give to her new neighbour at his house-warming party.

4. I can't decide who I should ask for advice.

5. Could you tell me when I have to pay the water bill?

