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🔍 How to survive your boyfriend's parents first meet?

Plan ...
Offer ...
Try ...

You don't want ...
Don't forget ...
Pretend ...



How to survive meeting your partner's parents for the first time

- 1 Do some 'homework' before you go.** Ask your partner about his or her parents. Where do they work? Do you have any common interests? If you do this, it will be easy to have a conversation with them.
- 2 Be ready to answer questions about yourself!** Most parents want to know about their son or daughter's future partner, for example about their ambitions. Try to make a good impression!
- 3 If you are invited for a meal, eat everything!** It's also a good idea to say something positive about the meal, like 'This is absolutely delicious!' Offer to help with the washing-up after the meal.
- 4 Be yourself and don't just agree with everything they say.** If they ask you for your opinion, be honest. However, try not to talk about controversial subjects – this isn't the moment to give your views on religion and politics!
- 5 Avoid embarrassing silences.** If the conversation is dying and you can't think what to say, ask them what your partner was like as a child. All parents love talking about their children.

Are your
ideas here?



Verb + infinitive

Review

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to + verb

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| 1 <u>decide</u> | We've decided <input type="text"/> to France for our holiday. | <u>to go</u> _____ |
| 2 <u>forget</u> | Don't forget <input type="text"/> all the lights. | _____ |
| 3 <u>hope</u> | We hope <input type="text"/> you again soon. | _____ |
| 4 <u>learn</u> | I'm learning <input type="text"/> . My test is next month. | _____ |
| 5 <u>need</u> | I need <input type="text"/> to the supermarket. We don't have any milk. | _____ |
| 6 <u>offer</u> | He offered <input type="text"/> me with my case. | _____ |
| 7 <u>plan</u> | They're planning <input type="text"/> soon. | _____ |





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| 8 | <u>pretend</u> | He pretended <input type="text"/> ill, but he wasn't really. | <input type="text"/> |
| 9 | <u>promise</u> | He's promised <input type="text"/> me back when he gets a job. | <input type="text"/> |
| 10 | <u>remember</u> | Remember <input type="text"/> your dictionaries to class tomorrow. | <input type="text"/> |
| 11 | <u>start</u> | It was very cloudy and it started <input type="text"/> . | <input type="text"/> |
| 12 | <u>try</u> | I'm trying <input type="text"/> a job, but it's very hard. | <input type="text"/> |
| 13 | <u>want</u> | I want <input type="text"/> the six o'clock train. | <input type="text"/> |
| 14 | <u>would like</u> | I'd like <input type="text"/> a new car next month. | <input type="text"/> |

Now, make sentences using the verbs + to infinitive.





Match sentences a–c to rules 1–3.

- a ☐ Check the weather forecast **to make sure** your clothes are right.
- b ☐ Decide what **to wear** the night before.
- c ☐ ...don't be afraid **to ask** for help.

Use the infinitive with to...

- 1 after adjectives
- 2 to give a reason for doing something
- 3 after a question word, e.g. *who, what, how*





USES OF THE TO INFINITIVE

- 1 You need **to be** on time.
Try **not to talk** too much.
- 2 It'll be nice **to meet** new people.
It's important **not to be** late.
- 3 I don't know where **to go** or what **to do**.
- 4 A Why did you wear a suit?
B **To make** a good impression.
I wore a suit **to make** a good impression.

- The infinitive is the base form of the verb. It is often used with **to**. It can be positive (e.g. *to be*) or negative (e.g. *not to be*).





USES OF THE TO INFINITIVE

- We use the infinitive with to:
 - 1 after some verbs, e.g. *want, need, would like*, etc.
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 - 2 after adjectives.
 - 3 after questions words, e.g. *what, where, when*, etc.
 - 4 to say why you do / did something.
*I came to this school **to learn** English. **NOT** ~~for learn~~ English.*



Infinitive without to

Remember that we use the infinitive without to with auxiliary verbs (*do / does / didn't*) and after most modal verbs (*can, could, will, would*, etc.), e.g. **Do** you **live** near here?
Can you **help** me? **I won't forget**. What **would** you **do**?





Choose one and give tips!

How to survive...

- a job interview
- a party where you don't know anyone
- a family holiday





Listen and complete the questions. After that, answer them.

- 1 Have you ever _____ something new and failed?
- 2 How important is it to know _____?
- 3 How long do you usually spend deciding _____ in the morning?
- 4 Have you ever _____ your phone during a class or concert?

5 Where are you _____ for your next holiday?

6 Are you _____ next weekend?

7 Would you like _____ in another country?

8 Have you ever _____ when you weren't?

9 Do you think it's important _____ at school?

10 Do you think it's possible _____ with an ex-boyfriend or girlfriend?

