

HOMEWORK (08/12/2021)

Verbs + to infinitive

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Example

I want to watch TV.

V1

V2

→ S + V1 + to + V2

We use an **infinitive** after these verbs:

agree hope offer remember begin/start
learn plan try decide manage
promise want forget need refuse

*I **need** to speak to the manager.*

*Sara is **trying** to learn Chinese this year.*

*They **refused** to move their car.*

Look at this short dialogue:

It's nice to see you, Paolo. ~ Thanks. I'm pleased to be here again, Sue.

We use **it is / it's + adjective + infinitive** with these common adjectives:

nice good interesting crazy silly
wrong easy difficult/hard impossible

*It's silly to spend all day in one museum.
It's impossible to find cheap clothes here.*

We can also use **it was** or **it will / it'll**:

*It was good to read your letter.
It'll be difficult to go home at the end of this holiday!*

Example

I'm so happy to see you.

adj to V

S + to be + adjective (tính từ) + to V...

PRACTICE

Exercise 1:

Talking about the things we do for other people

Why did Sophie go to Paris? Read this conversation, and add the following infinitives:

to say to drive to meet to help to marry to answer

- CHARLOTTE Sophie rang me on Thursday, and I agreed to meet⁰ her at Heathrow at 11.30.
- OLIVIA What did she say?
- CHARLOTTE Nothing. I offered¹ her all the way to her house in Cambridge, but she didn't tell me anything about her trip.
- OLIVIA Do you know where she went?
- CHARLOTTE No. She refused² my questions.
- OLIVIA So she agreed³ Bill in October, and then she went to Paris the same day, and now she's back in England. Charlotte, do you promise⁴ nothing to Sophie?
- CHARLOTTE OK, I promise.
- OLIVIA When Sophie was ill, I offered⁵ her at her house. When I was in the kitchen, the phone rang and a girl with a French accent said, 'Hello, this is Anne, Sophie's daughter.'
- CHARLOTTE Oh! She was probably in France to tell Anne about Bill then!

Exercise 2:

Giving opinions about a new job

Brendan has just started a new job. Kevin, his manager, gives him all the pieces of advice below on his first day. Add *it's* and *to* to the phrases below, and then match your phrases with these endings:

crazy/go to... interesting/visit other... hard/say that you've...
wrong/send an email if... easy/use the photocopier, and...
impossible/finish... good/talk to...

- 0 It's good to talk to your colleagues - they often know more than you.
- 1 all your work before you go home.
- 2 it's easy to break it, too.
- 3 made a mistake, but you often do make mistakes!
- 4 offices and see how they do things there.
- 5 Tokyo for a meeting - have a video conference instead!
- 6 you can talk to a colleague instead.

Exercise 3:

Looking for a new job

We use a verb + infinitive to talk about our hopes and plans; the efforts we make; the things we do for other people; to give opinions; and to describe our feelings.

Look at these emails between Ella and her French friend, Vincent. First, add words or phrases to Ella's message.

The media means 'newspapers, TV and radio'.

trying want decided difficult to forgot to
offered to promise to visit pleased to hear

Hi Vincent

How's life? I forgot to ⁰ send you a Christmas card, so now I'm writing to you instead. I was ¹ in your last message that you've ² to finish your course at college. I'm glad. You need a degree if you ³ to find a good job. I'm looking for a new job myself at the moment. I had an interview for a job on my local newspaper last week. I answered all the questions, and I ⁴ start work immediately, but unfortunately, I didn't get the job. It's ⁵ get a job on a newspaper, because a lot of young British people are ⁶ to find work in the media these days. Anyway, I hope you're OK. I ⁷ you later this year! What about Easter? Bye for now! Ella

Now put these words in the right order, and add them to Vincent's reply:

to/afraid/I'm/buy get/was/it/nice/to hear/to/hope/I
give/My parents/to/have refused I/hear/to/surprised/was

Hi Ella!

It was nice to get ⁰ your message this morning. I hope you're well. ⁸ that you didn't get the newspaper job - you would be a very good journalist. Yes, life at college is very hard. Sometimes ⁹ a new shirt or jumper, because I won't have enough money at the end of the month to pay for my flat. ¹⁰ me any more money, so I'm doing some weekend work as a waiter. Anyway, I'm OK really, and it would be good to see you at Easter. ¹¹ from you again soon. Bye for now!

Vincent