

INFINITIVES

Verb + Infinitive

I **love to play** volleyball.

I **forgot to explain** the rules.

Can you **learn to surf** in one summer?

The infinitive is *to* + the base form of the verb. It can follow these common verbs: *forget, hate, learn, like, love, need, decide, plan, prepare, and want.*

Infinitives are a form of verb that allow the word or a group of words to be used as a noun, adjective, or adverb. Every type of verb can be put into the infinitive form. Usually, infinitives are formed by adding the word *to* before the base form of the verb:

- I decided **to go** to London.
- I decided **NOT to go** to London. (Negative)

They are used in the following situations:

1. To show purpose or intention: Mom left **to buy** milk.
2. To modify nouns: We need a hero **to save** us.
3. As the subject of a sentence: **To go** this late seems pointless.
4. After adjectives: I'm happy **to be** here.

EXERCISE 01. Complete each sentence with *to* + a verb from the list.

feel	ask	give	lock	worry	swim	be
	go	turn off	use	tell	pass	

1. Are you ready _____ now?
2. It's not difficult _____ the first exam.
3. Promise _____ anyone about this. It's a secret! (negative)
4. Can you show me how _____ the new coffee machine?
5. Don't forget _____ the computer when you leave.
6. Does he know where _____ when he arrives?
7. She shouldn't pretend _____ happy if she isn't.
8. Is it safe _____ in this river?
9. Try _____ about your test. You'll pass easily. (negative)
10. Did you remember _____ the door?
11. I can't think of what _____ her for her birthday.
12. I don't know who _____ for advice.
13. I did this _____ better.