

In a sentence with *It's* + adjective + infinitive, it is possible to follow the adjective with *for* and a pronoun/noun.

It's difficult **for her to talk** about her feelings openly.

It's customary **for North Americans to make** frequent eye contact.

For sentences in the negative, use *not* + infinitive or *not* + gerund.

It's considered rude **not to thank** people who give you gifts.

Not thanking people who give you gifts is considered rude.

Adjectives of feeling (*glad, happy, sad, pleased*) cannot be used with the *It's* + adjective + infinitive structure. Instead, the sentence needs to say who has (or doesn't have) these feelings.

Most parents are both happy and sad **to see** their children grow up.

People are always delighted **to get** compliments.

1 Rewrite the sentences using infinitive or gerund phrases.

1. It's important to make a good first impression.
Making a good first impression is important.
2. Arriving late for an appointment is inappropriate in most countries.
3. It's fairly typical for college students to get to a party late.
4. It's considered rude not to be punctual for a dinner party.
5. Keeping the conversation going is easy for Elyse.
6. Showing the bottom of your feet is offensive in some places.
7. It's good form to bring a small gift to a dinner party.
8. Talking about politics is sometimes risky.
9. It's customary for parents to brag about their children.
10. Calling to thank the hostess the day after a party is a nice idea.

2 Write sentences with infinitive phrases using the words below.

1. Tom / always happy / loan money to his friends.
Tom is always happy to loan money to his friends.
2. Wendy / unusual / arrive late to class.
It's unusual for Wendy to arrive late to class.
3. encouraging / struggling students / receive good grades in school.
4. Min / always glad / help a friend in need.
5. many tourists / surprised / learn about some American customs.
6. students / inappropriate / interrupt a teacher.
7. new employees / often afraid / ask their bosses for help.
8. dinner guests / customary / thank their hosts.
9. businesspeople / important / be punctual for appointments.
10. Eun Mi / never shocked / see people eating on the subway.

