

## 84 Verb + infinitive



### 1 Verb + infinitive without *to*

We use the infinitive without *to* after modal verbs (e.g. *should*, *can*, *must*):

*I can't believe it!*

*We should send her an email.*

*You must get a job soon.*

We use *let's + infinitive without to* to make suggestions:

*Let's go to the cinema this evening.*

*Let's celebrate ...*

*I don't like burgers – let's have a pizza.*

### 2 Verb + infinitive with *to*

We use the infinitive with *to* after some verbs:

can/can't afford agree arrange ask choose decide  
deserve expect learn offer plan promise refuse seem want

*What a surprise! I didn't expect to see you here.*

*She wants to find a better job.*

*Where did you arrange to meet Danny and Laura?*

After *help* we can use an infinitive with *to* or without *to*; the meaning is the same:  
*He helped to carry our bags.* or *He helped carry our bags.*



With all the other verbs above we **ALWAYS** use *to*:

~~✗ I want buy some new jeans.~~

**✓ I want to buy some new jeans.**

### 3 *would + like/love/hate/prefer*

We use the infinitive with *to* after *would ('d) like/love/hate/prefer*:

*My parents would love to meet you.*

*I'd hate to miss Clara's party.*

*Would you like to come with us on Tuesday evening?*

Look at the difference between *would like* and *like*:

*I'd like to sail around the world.* (= I want to do this in the future.)

*I like sailing.* (= I enjoy sailing.)

## Practice

### 1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 0 I'm really bored. Let's \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Do you feel like coming out this evening? I want \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Are you hungry? Would you like \_\_\_\_\_  
3 I'm going to make an Indian meal. I hope you can \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Mike's been feeling ill for days. He's decided \_\_\_\_\_  
5 If you've got a temperature, I think you should \_\_\_\_\_

- A to eat some spicy food?  
B see a doctor.  
C go to the cinema.  
D to see a doctor.  
E to go to the cinema.  
F eat spicy food.

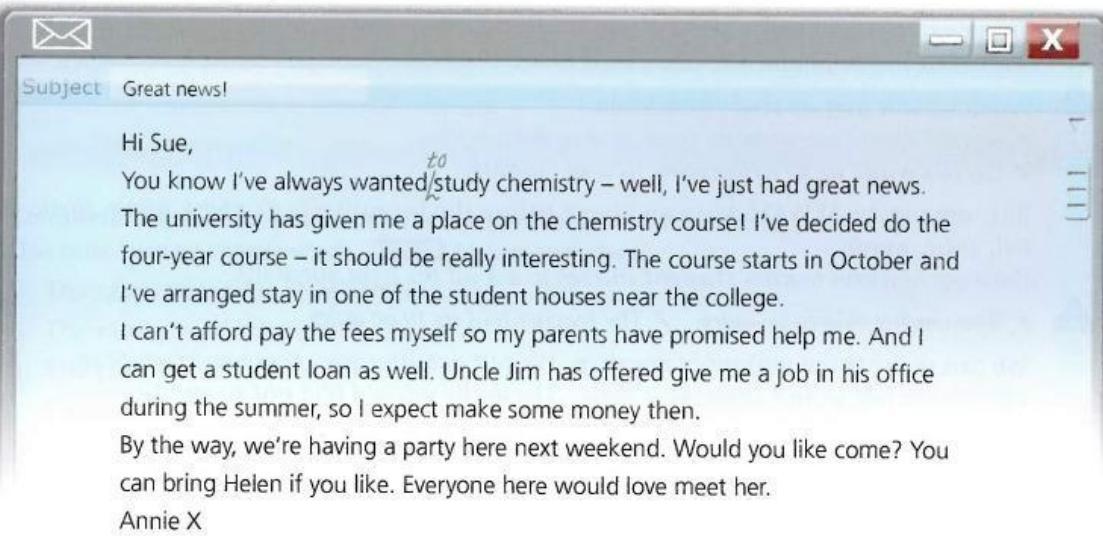
### 2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete this conversation in the supermarket.

Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- CARRIE Hi, Zack. I didn't expect (0) *see* / *to see* you here.  
ZACK Well, I promised (1) *get* / *to get* some things for tomorrow evening.  
CARRIE Are you doing something special?  
ZACK We're going to have a barbecue in the garden. Would you like (2) *come* / *to come*?  
CARRIE Yes. I'd love (3) *come* / *to come*. But I'm not sure about my plans for tomorrow. I agreed (4) *help* / *to help* Dave with his homework, but that probably won't take long. I expect (5) *finish* / *to finish* it by eight o'clock. Is Isabel going to be there?  
ZACK I'm not really sure. She should (6) *be* / *to be* there, but she hasn't phoned yet ...  
CARRIE So, what are you buying?  
ZACK Well, I want (7) *get* / *to get* some burgers.  
CARRIE Oh, you know I'm a vegetarian. I can't (8) *eat* / *to eat* meat.  
ZACK Don't worry. I've already bought lots of salad.  
CARRIE Well, I must (9) *finish* / *to finish* my shopping. Let's (10) *talk* / *to talk* on the phone tomorrow. I hope I'll be able to come.

### 3 GRAMMAR IN USE Find eight more places in the email where *to* is missing.

Write *to* in the correct positions.



### 4 Write sentences about something that ...

- 0 you've arranged to do next week *I've arranged to meet my sister on Friday*.....  
1 you'd like to do in the future .....  
2 you can't afford to do .....  
3 you don't want to do .....