

Points to
remember

- The coffee was too cold for me to drink. ✓
~~The coffee was too cold for me to drink it.~~
The coffee wasn't hot enough for me to drink. ✓
~~The coffee wasn't hot enough for me to drink it.~~
(No object pronouns after **too** and **enough**)
- She objects to staying up late. ✓
(Subject of -ing form same as subject of main verb)
She objects to **the children/children's** staying up late. ✓
She objects to **their/them** staying up late. ✓
~~She objects to they staying up late.~~
(Subject of -ing form different from subject of main verb)
- We heard John sing an old song. ✓
(witnessed the whole action)
We heard John singing an old song. ✓
(witnessed part of an action)
~~We heard John to sing an old song.~~
(Verbs of the senses in Active Voice + bare infinitive/-ing form)
John was heard to sing an old song. ✓
~~John was heard sing/singing an old song.~~
(Verbs of the senses in Passive Voice + full infinitive)
- The teacher made Judy apologise for lying. ✓
~~The teacher made Judy to apologise for lying.~~
Judy was made to apologise for lying. ✓
- Judy ~~was made apologise~~ for lying.
(make + bare infinitive in Active Voice,
make + full infinitive in Passive Voice)
- Helen used to wake up early. ✓
Helen is used to waking up early. ✓
Helen will soon get used to waking up early. ✓
~~Helen is used to wake up early.~~
~~Helen will soon get used to wake up early.~~
(used to + infinitive, be/get used to + -ing form)
- It seems that he hates animals. ✓
He seems to hate animals. ✓
~~He seems that he hates animals.~~
(It seems/appears + that-clause
Subject + seem/appear + full infinitive)
- It appears that she didn't lose much weight. ✓
She appears not to have lost much weight. ✓
She doesn't appear to have lost much weight. ✓
~~She appears to not have lost much weight.~~
- It is likely/unlikely that John is interested in football. ✓
John is likely/unlikely to be interested in football. ✓
~~It is likely/unlikely for John to be interested in football.~~

Key Transformations

- It took Susan one hour to dye her hair.
Susan took one hour to dye her hair.
Susan spent one hour dyeing her hair.
- She found working long hours difficult.
She found it difficult to work long hours.
It was difficult for her to work long hours.
She had difficulty (in) working long hours.
- I expect that they will arrive soon.
I expect them to arrive soon.
They are expected to arrive soon.
- I suggest we plan a surprise party for him.
I suggest planning a surprise party for him.
Why not plan a surprise party for him?
How about planning a surprise party for him?
- I don't see why we should discuss this matter any further.
There's no point in discussing this matter any further.
It's no use/good discussing this matter any further.
It is not worth discussing this matter any further.
This matter is not worth discussing any further.
- The climbers did not manage to reach the mountain peak.
The climbers did not succeed in reaching the mountain peak.
The climbers were not successful in reaching the mountain peak.
The climbers were unsuccessful in reaching the mountain peak.
- He prevented/stopped his children from going out alone.
He prevented/stopped them from going out alone.
He prevented/stopped his children's going out alone.
He prevented/stopped their going out alone.