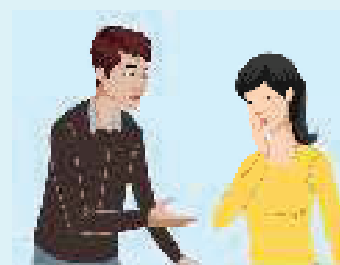


Verb + **to ...** (**decide to ... / forget to ...** etc.)

A After these verbs you can use **to ...** (*infinitive*):

offer	plan	manage	deserve
agree	arrange	fail	afford
refuse	hope	promise	learn
decide	forget	threaten	tend

- ☐ It was a long way to walk, so we **decided to take** a taxi home.
- ☐ Simon was in a difficult situation, so I **agreed to help** him.
- ☐ I waved to Karen, but **failed to attract** her attention.
- ☐ I like Dan, but I think he **tends to talk** too much.
- ☐ How old were you when you **learnt to drive**?
or ... learnt **how** to drive?



Dan **tends to talk** too much.

The negative is **not to ...**:

- ☐ We **decided not to go** out because of the weather.
- ☐ I **promised not to be** late.

After some verbs, we use **-ing** (*not to ...*). For example, **enjoy/think/suggest**:

- ☐ I **enjoy reading**. (*not enjoy to read*)
- ☐ Andy **suggested meeting** for coffee. (*not suggested to meet*)
- ☐ Are you **thinking of buying** a car? (*not thinking to buy*)

For verb + **-ing**, see Units 53 and 62.

B After **dare** you can use the infinitive with or without **to**:

- ☐ I didn't **dare to tell** him. or I didn't **dare tell** him.

But after **dare not** (*or daren't*), we do not use **to**:

- ☐ I **daren't tell** him what happened. (*not I daren't to tell him*)

C We also use **to ...** after **seem, appear, pretend** and **claim**. For example:

- ☐ They **seem to have** plenty of money.
- ☐ Ann **pretended not to see** me when she passed me in the street.

You can also use **to be -ing** (*continuous infinitive*) and **to have (done)** (*perfect infinitive*):

- ☐ I **pretended to be reading** the newspaper. (= I pretended that I **was reading**)
- ☐ Have you seen my keys? I **seem to have lost** them. (= it seems that I **have lost** them)
- ☐ She **claimed not to have seen** me. (= she claimed that she **hadn't seen** me)

D After these verbs you can use a question word (**what/how** etc.) + **to ...**:

ask know decide remember forget learn explain understand wonder

For example:

We asked	how	to get	to the station.
Have you decided	where	to go	on holiday?
I don't know	whether	to apply	for the job or not.
Do you understand	what	to do?	







also

show/tell/ask/advise/teach somebody **what/how/where** to do something:

- ☐ Can somebody **show me how to use** this camera?
- ☐ Ask Jack. He'll **tell you what to do**.

Exercises

54.1 Complete the sentences for these situations.

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|---|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Shall we get married? |  | Yes, let's. | They decided <u>to get married</u> . |
| 2 | Please help me. |  | OK. | She agreed |
| 3 | Can I carry your bag for you? |  | No, thanks. I can manage. | He offered |
| 4 | Let's meet at 8 o'clock. |  | OK, fine. | They arranged |
| 5 | What's your name? |  | I'm not going to tell you. | She refused |
| 6 | Please don't tell anyone. |  | I won't. I promise. | She promised |

54.2 Complete the sentences. Use a suitable verb.

- Don't forget to lock the door when you go out.
- There was a lot of traffic, but we managed to the airport in time.
- We couldn't afford in London. It's too expensive.
- I can't play a musical instrument, but I'd like to learn the guitar.
- I don't want Mark to know what happened. I decided not him.
- We were all afraid to speak. Nobody dared anything.

54.3 Put the verb into the correct form, to ... or -ing. (See Unit 53 for verbs + -ing.)

- When I'm tired, I enjoy watching TV. It's relaxing. (watch)
- I've decided for another job. I need a change. (look)
- I'm not going anywhere! I refuse (move)
- I'm not in a hurry. I don't mind (wait)
- Tina ran in a marathon last week, but she failed (finish)
- I wish that dog would stop It's driving me crazy. (bark)
- They didn't know I was listening to them. I pretended asleep. (be)
- We were hungry, so I suggested dinner early. (have)
- Hurry up! I don't want to risk the train. (miss)
- David is very quiet. He tends not much. (say)

54.4 Make a new sentence using the verb in brackets.

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|---|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | I've lost my keys. | (seem) | <u>I seem to have lost my keys.</u> |
| 2 | Tom is worried about something. | (appear) | Tom appears |
| 3 | You know a lot of people. | (seem) | You |
| 4 | My English is getting better. | (seem) | |
| 5 | That car has broken down. | (appear) | |
| 6 | Rachel is enjoying her job. | (seem) | |
| 7 | They have solved the problem. | (claim) | |

54.5 Complete each sentence using what/how/where/whether + these verbs:

do ~~get~~ go put ride use

- Do you know how to get to the airport from here?
- Would you know if there was a fire in the building?
- You'll never forget a bike once you've learnt.
- I've been invited to the party, but I haven't decided or not.
- My room is very untidy. I've got so many things and I don't know them.
- I have some clothes to wash. Can you show me the washing machine?