

Verb (+ object) + to ... (I want you to ...)

A We say:

verb + to ...		verb + object + to ...	
want		want	
expect	to go	expect	somebody
ask	to be	ask	something
help	to work	help	
would like	etc.	would like	
would prefer		would prefer	

and

- We **expected to be** late.
- Would you **like to go** now?
- He doesn't **want to know**.
- We expected **Dan to be** late.
- Would you like **me to go** now?
- He doesn't want **anybody to know**.

We do not usually say 'want that':

- Do you **want me to come** with you? (*not* want that I come)

You can use **help** with or without **to**. You can say:

- Can you help me **to move** this table? *or* Can you help me **move** this table?

B These verbs have the structure *verb + object + to ...*:

verb	object	to ...
tell	somebody	
advise		
remind		
warn		
invite		
encourage		
persuade		
get		to do
force		to be
teach		to work
allow		etc.
enable		

- It's not a nice hotel. I wouldn't **advise you to stay** there.
- Can you **remind me to call** Sam tomorrow?
- Joe said the switch was dangerous and **warned me not to touch** it.
- I didn't move the piano by myself. I **got somebody to help** me.
- Who **taught you to drive**?
- They don't **allow people to park** in front of the building.

In these examples, the verb is *passive* (**I was warned** / **we are allowed** etc.):

- I was warned not to touch** the switch.
- Are we allowed to park** here?

We do not use **suggest** with **to ...**:

- Jane **suggested that I ask** you for advice. (*not* Jane suggested me to ask)

C We say '**make** somebody **do** something', '**let** somebody **do** something' (without **to**):

- I **made him promise** that he wouldn't tell anybody what happened. (*not* made him to promise)
- Hot weather **makes me feel** tired. (= causes me to feel tired)
- Her parents wouldn't **let her go** out alone. (= wouldn't allow her to go out)
- Let me carry** your bag for you.

We say '**make** somebody **do**', but in the *passive* we say '(be) **made to do**' (with **to**):

- We were made to wait** for two hours. (= They **made us wait** ...)

Exercises

55.1 Complete the questions. Use **do you want me to ... ?** or **would you like me to ... ?** with these verbs (and any other necessary words):

come lend repeat show shut wait

- Do you want to go alone, or do you want me to come with you ?
- Do you have enough money, or do you want ?
- Shall I leave the window open, or would you ?
- Do you know how to use the printer, or would ?
- Did you hear what I said, or do ?
- Can I go now, or do ?

55.2 Complete the sentences for these situations.

- 1 Meet me at the station.  OK.

She told him to meet her at the station
- 2 Why don't you come and stay with us?  That would be nice.

They invited him
- 3 Don't forget to call Joe.  No, I won't forget.

He reminded her
- 4 Be careful.  Don't worry. I will.

She warned
- 5 Can you give me a hand?  Sure.

He asked

55.3 Complete the second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first sentence.

- My father said I could use his car. My father allowed me to use his car.
- I was surprised that it rained. I didn't expect
- Don't stop him doing what he wants. Let
- Tom looks older when he wears glasses. Tom's glasses make
- I think you should know the truth. I want
- At first I didn't want to apply for the job, but Sarah persuaded me. Sarah persuaded
- My lawyer said I shouldn't say anything to the police. My lawyer advised
- I was told that I shouldn't believe everything he says. I was warned
- If you've got a car, you are able to get around more easily. Having a car enables

55.4 Which is right?

- You aren't allowed take / to take pictures here. (to take is correct)
- I'm in a difficult position. What do you advise me do / to do?
- The film was very sad. It made me cry / to cry.
- Lisa's parents always encouraged her study / to study hard at school.
- Please don't interrupt me. Let me finish / to finish.
- You can't make people do / to do things they don't want to do.
- You can't force people do / to do things they don't want to do.
- Sarah won't let me drive / to drive her car. She doesn't trust me.
- Why did you change your decision? What made you change / to change your mind?
- If you enter a country with a tourist visa, you are not allowed work / to work there.