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Some adjectives, nouns and verbs can be followed by infinitives with or without to. Some are followed by ing forms. There are also some words that can be followed by either an infinitive or an ing form.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. She didn't want me

go

to go

Either could be used here

2. They don't allow people in the kitchen.

smoking

to smoke

to smoking

3. They don't allow in the kitchen.

smoking

to smoke

to smoking

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4. I didn't ask the bill.

that you pay
you to pay

5. Why won't you let me?

explain
to explain

6. I heard him the door and go out.

open
to open

7. I suggested a job.

her to get
that she should get
Either could be used here

8. You are advised early

starting
to start

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9. I prefer you me by first name.

to call

call

Either could be used here

10. Be careful the children.

not to wake

to not wake

not waking

11. The next was a big black snake.

to arrive

arrive

arriving

12. You were lucky killed.

to not be

not to be

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Answers

1. She didn't want me to go.
2. They don't allow people to smoke in the kitchen.
3. They don't allow smoking in the kitchen.
4. I didn't ask you to pay the bill.
5. Why won't you let me explain?
6. I heard him open the door and go out.
7. I suggested that she should get a job.
8. You are advised to start early
9. I prefer you to call me by my first name.
10. Be careful not to wake the children.
11. The next to arrive was a big black snake.
12. You were lucky not to be killed.