Structures with to-infinitives

Subject + verb + to-infinitive

In this pattern, the infinitive is used as the object of the verb.

She wants to go.
I want to sing.
We would like to visit the museum.
I forgot to call him.
They intend to postpone the trip.
He decided to quit.
He hoped to get a first class.
The most common verbs used in this pattern are: like, love, prefer, begin, start, agree, try, attempt, choose, continue, intend, propose, desire, wish, want, hate, dislike, hope, expect, promise, refuse, fear, remember, forget, learn and offer.

Subject + verb + noun / pronoun + to-infinitive

She wanted me to go.
I would like you to stay.
He helped me to open the box.
She advised him to continue.
The doctor asked him to quit smoking.
I can’t allow you to smoke.
Who taught you to swim?
The most common verbs used in this pattern are: ask, tell, order, command, persuade, encourage, urge, want, wish, request, intend, expect, force, tempt, teach, invite, help, warn, like, love, hate, allow, permit, remind, cause, mean, dare etc.

Subject + be + going + to-infinitive

This structure indicates either simple futurity or intention.
It is going to rain.
The food problem is going to become severe.
I’m going to have a cup of coffee.
They are going to get married.
It is going to be more difficult than we thought.