

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.

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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.