

Verbs that can be followed by object + infinitive

Many English verbs are followed by object + infinitive, rather than by a that-clause.

Examples are: *advise, allow, ask, beg, cause, command, compel, encourage, expect, forbid, force, get, hate, help, instruct, intend, invite, leave, like, love, mean, need, oblige, order, permit, prefer, recommend, remind, request, teach, tell, tempt, trouble, want, warn, wish* etc.

I don't want him to go. (NOT I don't want that he goes.)

We don't allow people to smoke in the kitchen.

I asked him to pay for the meal.

I advised him to stop smoking.

He taught us to forgive.

I requested him to help me.

We expect them to turn up in time.

My parents always encouraged me to explore newer horizons.

Some verbs are followed by object + infinitive without to. Examples are: *let, make, see, hear, feel, watch, notice, have* etc.

Why don't you let me go? (NOT Why don't you let me to go?)

I heard her sing a lovely song. (NOT I heard her to sing a lovely song.)

Note that many of the verbs listed above can also be followed by an -ing form or a that-clause.

Some verbs cannot be followed by object + infinitive. Example: *suggest*.

I suggested that she should consult a doctor. (NOT I suggested her to consult a doctor.)