

Verbs + to ... (decide to ... / forget to ... etc.)

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| offer | decide | hope | deserve | promise |
| agree | plan | manage | afford | threaten |
| refuse | arrange | fail | forget | learn |

A. After these verbs you can use to ... (infinitive):

- It was late so we **decided to take** a taxi home.
- Simon was in a difficult situation, so I **agreed to help** him.
- How old were you when you **learnt to drive**? (or learnt **how** to drive)
- I waved to Karen, but **failed to attract** her attention.

The negative is **not to** ... :

- We **decided not to go** out because of the weather.
- I **promised not to** be late.

After some verbs **to...** is not possible. For example, **enjoy/think/suggest**

- I **enjoy swimming**. (~~not enjoy to swim~~)
- Tom **suggested going** to the swimming pool. (~~not suggested to go~~)
- Are you **thinking of buying** a flat? (~~Not thinking to buy~~)

B. We can also use to after:

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| seem | appear | tend | pretend | claim |
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- They **seem to have** plenty of money.
- I like Peter, but I think he **tends to talk** too much.
- Mary **pretended not to see** me when she passed me in the street.

There is also *a continuous infinitive (to be doing)* and *a perfect infinitive (to have done)*:

- I **pretended to be** reading a book. (= I pretended that I **was** reading)
- You seem **to have lost** weight. (It seems that you **have lost** weight)
- Martin seems **to be** enjoying his job. (It seems that he **is** enjoying it)

C. After dare you can use the infinitive with or without to:

- I wouldn't **dare to tell** her. or I wouldn't **dare tell** her.

But after **dare not (or daren't)**, you must use the infinitive without to.

- I **dare not tell** him what happened. (~~not I daren't to tell him~~)

D. After some verbs you can use a question word (what/whether/how etc.) + to. This structure is used especially after:

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| ask | decide | know | remember | forget | explain | learn | understand | wonder |
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| We asked | how | to get | to the station. |
| Have you decided | where | to go | for your holidays? |
| I don't know | whether | to apply | for the job or not? |
| Do you understand | what | to do? | |

Also **show/tell/ask/advise/teach** somebody **what/how/where** to do something:

- Can somebody **show me how to change** the film in this camera?
- Ask Sue. She will **tell you what to do**.