

Verb (+ object) + to ... (I want you to ... etc.)

want

ask

help

would like

expect

beg

mean (=intend)

would prefer

These verbs are followed by to ... (*infinitive*). The structure can be:

verb + **to** ....

or verb + object + **to** ...

- We **expected to be** late.
- Would you **like to go** now?
- He doesn't **want to know**.

- We **expected Mary to be** late.
- Would you like **me to go** now?
- He doesn't want **anybody to know**.

Do not say 'want that':

- Do you **want me to come** with you? (~~NOT Do you want that I come~~)

After **help** you can use the infinitive with or without to. So you can say:

- Can you help me **to move** this table? or Can you help me **move** this table?

tell

remind

force

encourage

teach

enable

order

warn

invite

persuade

get (=persuade, arrange for)

These verbs have the structure *verb + object + to* ...?

- Can you **remind me to phone** Lucy tomorrow?
- Who **taught you to drive**?
- I didn't move the piano by myself. I **got somebody to help** me.
- Jim said the switch was dangerous and **warned me not to touch** it.

In the next example the verb is *passive* (I **was warned**, we **were told**, ...)

- I was warned not to touch the switch.

You cannot use suggest with the structure *verb + object + to* ... :

- Jane **suggested that I should ask** your advice. (~~not Jane suggested me to ask~~)

After **advise**, **recommend** and **allow**, two structures are possible. Compare:

verb + **-ing** (without an object)

verb + object + **to** ...

- I wouldn't **advise/recommend staying** in that hotel
- They don't **allow parking** in front of the building.

- I wouldn't **advise/recommend anybody to stay** in that hotel
- They don't **allow people to park** in front of the building.

Study these examples with **(be) allowed** (*passive*)

- Parking **isn't allowed** in front of the building.
- You **aren't allowed to park** in front of the building.

**Make and let**

These verbs have the structure *verb + object + infinitive* (without to)

- I **made him promise** that he wouldn't tell anybody what happened. (~~not to promise~~)
- Hot weather **makes me** feel tired. (= causes me to feel tired)
- Her parents wouldn't **let her go** out alone. (= wouldn't allow her to go out)
- **Let me carry** your bag for you.

We say 'make somebody do' (~~not to do~~), but the passive is '**(be) made to do**' ( with to)

- We **were made to wait** for two hours. (= They **made us wait**...)

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