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To Non-Finite Clause Practice

Directions: Complete the chart below with *to* non-finite clauses related to your experience as an artist/designer, your field, or your topic. Use the list of collocates provided to help make appropriate word choices.

Main Clause		to non-finite clause		
		<i>for</i> + noun phrase*	<i>to</i> infinitive (<i>to</i> + base form)	(noun phrase, prepositional phrase, or noun clause)
It is/was	important	<i>for designers</i>	<i>to understand</i>	<i>the relationship between theory and practice.</i>
	necessary		to	
	essential		to	
	crucial		to	
	critical	<i>For you</i>	<i>to reflect</i>	<i>on your process.</i>
	difficult		to	
	possible		to	
	impossible		to	
	easy		to	
	reasonable		<i>to think</i>	<i>that some people will resist new digital tools.</i>

* *for* + noun phrase = optional

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It is/was	useful		to	
	tempting		to	
	appropriate		to	
	safe		to	
	helpful		to	
	good		to	
	better		to	
	best		to	
	valuable		to	

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Non-finite clause collocates

It is important to	note , remember, understand, recognize, consider, keep, be, emphasize, examine, determine, realize
It is necessary to	examine, understand, have, consider, be, identify
It is essential to	have, understand, examine, consider, note
It is crucial to	understand, recognize, note
It is critical to	understand, examine, identify, note
It is difficult to	imagine, determine, see, know, find, say, assess, understand, make, predict, identify
It is possible to	have, identify, see, make imagine, argue, use, create, determine
It is impossible to	know, determine, say, predict, understand, distinguish, imagine, tell
It is easy to	see , understand, imagine, forget, be
It is challenging to	identify, make
It is reasonable to	assume, expect, conclude, suggest, believe, think, suppose, speculate
It is useful to	consider, examine, recall, remember
It is tempting to	speculate, conclude, think
It is appropriate to	consider, ask, use, give
It is safe to	say, assume
It is helpful to	examine, have, consider, look, review
It is good to	have, know, be
It is better to	be, have, use
It is best to	use, have, avoid, let
It is valuable to	know, consider, examine, have

Notes: Verbs in **bold** are *very* strong collocations. Collocations were identified using COCA: It is *important* to *