

MOST COMMON INFINITIVE VERBS

INFINITIVE VERB	MEANING	SAMPLE SENTENCE(S)
(can't) afford	1. to have enough money to be able to buy or do something 2. can't risk	1. I cannot afford to buy a house. 2. I cannot afford to lose you.
agree	be in the same opinion	I agreed to meet him after school.
aim	want to, wish to do sth	The study aims to find a solution to this illness.
arrange	fix, plan	We arranged to meet after school.
attempt	try	They attempted to rob a bank with toy guns.
beg	ask for strongly	The homeless guy begged to stay there for a night.
can't wait	be impatient to do sth	I can't wait to see my grandma after 15 years.
choose		The employees chose to speak to the boss openly.
consent	agree	I've consented to lend her my car willingly.
dare	have the courage to do sth	You cannot dare to face Sebastian on this issue!
decide		The team decided to practice for another hour.
deserve		The racer definitely deserved to win .
expect		They didn't expect to see me there.
fail		The students failed to understand the word.
guarantee		They guaranteed to pay the money even if they didn't have enough customers.
happen	to do or be something by chance	Do you happen to know Oswald?
hesitate	not be sure about doing sth	The farmer hesitated to kill the wild wolf.
hope		My parents hope to visit us next week.
intend	wish to do sth	I intend to move to Canada next year.
learn		My sister learnt to play the guitar.
long	miss	I long to take walks on the beach.
manage	succeed in	I managed to download the game.
mean	intend to	I didn't mean to hurt you. / I didn't mean to wake you.
neglect	to fail to take care of somebody/something	I neglected to take good care of the garden.
offer		My colleague offered to give me a ride to the hotel.
plan		Jane plans to change her job.
prepare		I am preparing to leave for the trip.
pretend	act as if you are doing sth	He pretends to like the food.

promise		The bus driver promised to drive more slowly.
propose	offer	The lawyer proposed to close the case.
prove		Our project proved to be a success.
refuse	reject	The waiter refused to help us.
request	ask for	Visitors are requested to leave before 2 pm.
seek	search; want to	The researchers seek to find an answer soon.
seem		The audience seems to be impressed with the feat.
strive	aim to; wish to	The government must strive to offer quality education to all.
struggle	show effort	The horse was struggling to free itself off the rope.
swear	promise	The kids had to swear not to eat any more candy.
tend	intend to	Many children tend to link everything to the concept of "love".
threaten	warn strongly	China threatened to cut all its diplomatic relations.
volunteer	to offer to do something without payment	My kids volunteered to help the charity.
want		I want to see your face.
wish		The customer wishes to file a complaint.
would like/love	want to	I would love to spend my holiday in a forest.
would prefer		I would prefer to stay here over the weekend.