

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

A

want	ask	help	would like	would love
expect	beg	mean (= intend)	would prefer	would hate

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

- verb + to... or verb + object + to...
- We expected to be late.
 - We expected Tom to be late.
 - Would you like to go now?
 - Would you like me to go now?
 - He doesn't want to know.
 - He doesn't want anybody to know.

Be careful with want. 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?

B

tell	remind	force	enable	teach
order	warn	invite	persuade	get (= persuade, arrange for)

These verbs have the structure verb + object + to...:

- Can you remind me to phone Ann 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 (was warned):

- I was warned not to touch the switch.

Note that you cannot use suggest with the structure verb + object + to...:

- Jane suggested that I should buy a car. (not 'Jane suggested me to buy')

For suggest, see Units 34 and 52.

C

advise	recommend	encourage	allow	permit	forbid
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There are two possible structures after these verbs. Compare:

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| verb + -ing (without an object) | verb + object + to... |
| • I wouldn't recommend staying in that hotel. | • I wouldn't recommend anybody to stay in that hotel. |
| • She doesn't allow smoking in the house. | • She doesn't allow us to smoke in the house. |

Compare these examples with (be) allowed (passive):

- Smoking isn't allowed in the house.
- We aren't allowed to smoke in the house.

D

Make and let

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

- The customs officer made Sally open her case. (not 'to open')
- 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...' (infinitive with to):

- Sally was made to open her case (by the customs officer).

EXERCISES

54.1 Complete the questions. Use do you want me to...? or would you like me to...? with one of these verbs (+ any other necessary words): ~~come~~ lend repeat show shut wait

- 1 Do you want to go alone or ...do you want me to come with you?.....?
- 2 Have you got enough money or do you want?
- 3 Shall I leave the window open or would you?
- 4 Do you know how to use the machine or would?
- 5 Did you hear what I said or do?
- 6 Can I go now or do?

54.2 Complete the sentences for each situation.

1	Lock the door.			OK.	She told ...him to lock.....
					...the door....
2	Why don't you come and stay with us for a few days?			Yes, I'd love to.	They invited him
3	Can I use your phone?			No!	She wouldn't let
4	Be careful.			Don't worry. I will.	She warned
5	Can you give me a hand?			Yes, of course.	He asked

54.3 Complete these sentences so that the meaning is similar to the first sentence.

- 1 My father said I could use his car. My father allowed ...me to use his car...
- 2 I was surprised that it rained. I didn't expect
- 3 Don't stop him doing what he wants. Let
- 4 He looks older when he wears glasses. Glasses make
- 5 I think you should know the truth. I want
- 6 Don't let me forget to phone my sister. Remind
- 7 At first I didn't want to apply for the job but Sarah persuaded me. Sarah persuaded
- 8 My lawyer said I shouldn't say anything to the police. My lawyer advised
- 9 I was told that I shouldn't believe everything he says. I was warned
- 10 If you've got a car, you are able to travel round more easily. Having a car enables

54.4 Put the verb in the right form: -ing or infinitive (with or without to).

- 1 She doesn't allow ...smoking... in the house. (smoke)
- 2 I've never been to Iceland but I'd like there. (go)
- 3 I'm in a difficult position. What do you advise me? (do)
- 4 She said the letter was personal and wouldn't let me it. (read)
- 5 We were kept at the police station for two hours and then we were allowed (go)
- 6 Where would you recommend me for my holidays? (go)
- 7 I wouldn't recommend in that restaurant. The food is awful. (eat)
- 8 The film was very sad. It made me (cry)
- 9 Carol's parents always encouraged her hard at school. (study)