

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

A

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.
 - We expected Dan 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.

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	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 Sam 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 etc.):

- 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)

C

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

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| verb + -ing (without an object) | verb + object + to ... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I wouldn't advise/recommend staying in that hotel. | <input type="checkbox"/> I wouldn't advise/recommend anybody to stay in that hotel. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> They don't allow parking in front of the building. | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

D

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 ...)

Suggest → Units 34, 53 Tell/ask somebody to ... → Unit 48D Verb + -ing → Unit 53
Verb + to ... → Unit 54 Verb + to ... and -ing → Units 56-58 Help → Unit 57C

Exercises

55.1 Complete the questions. Use do you want me to ... ? or would you like me to ... ? with 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 Do you have 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 _____ ?

55.2 Complete the sentences for these situations.

- 1 She told him to lock the door.
- 2 They invited him _____.
- 3 She wouldn't let _____.
- 4 She warned _____.
- 5 He asked _____.

55.3 Complete each second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first sentence.

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| 1 My father said I could use his car. | My father allowed <u>me to use his car</u> . |
| 2 I was surprised that it rained. | I didn't expect _____. |
| 3 Don't stop him doing what he wants. | Let _____. |
| 4 Tim looks older when he wears glasses. | Tim's 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 get around more easily. | Having a car enables _____. |

55.4 Put the verb into the correct form: infinitive (do/make/eat etc.), to + infinitive, or -ing.

- 1 They don't allow people to park in front of the building. (park)
- 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 The film was very sad. It made me _____ . (cry)
- 5 Diane's parents always encouraged her _____ hard at school. (study)
- 6 I don't recommend _____ in that restaurant. The food is terrible. (eat)
- 7 She said the letter was personal and wouldn't let me _____ it. (read)
- 8 We are not allowed _____ personal phone calls at work. (make)
- 9 'I don't think Alex likes me.' 'What makes you _____ that?' (think)

→ Additional exercises 26-28 (pages 317-19)