

10-17-2024 FUMC ESL Higher Level Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something about yourself.

Discuss: Read these quotations and explain what they mean.

1. I never lose. Either I win or I learn.

Give an example of when you learned something from failure.

2. It's hard to beat a person who will never give up.

Do you believe in this philosophy? Is there ever a time when giving up is the best decision?

3. We become what we think about most of the time.

What do you think about most of the time?

GRAMMAR: INFINITIVES

Infinitives are verbs preceded by TO. They do not function as verbs in the sentence. EX: I want **to listen** to some music. Mother wants me **to stay** home. They decided **to cancel** the festival because of Covid.

In some cases, we use the infinitive without TO.

Examples:

I must go now. NOT I must to go now.

I made them give my money back. NOT I made them to give my money back.

I didn't see you come in. NOT I didn't see you to come in.

Some infinitives do NOT use TO. Read these sentence examples and tell which is correct.

I heard her open the door and go out.

I heard her to open the door and to go out.

We watched them to play.

We watched them play.

I heard them to arrive.

I heard them arrive.

I saw her to change the baby's diaper.

I saw her change the baby's diaper.

In a list of infinitives, we only use TO with the first infinitive. EX: Mother asked me to vacuum the carpet, load the dishwasher and sweep the sidewalk. NOT: Mother asked me to vacuum the carpet, to load the dishwasher and to sweep the sidewalk.

Read the sentences below and tell if you should or should not use TO in front of the infinitive. A few of them may be used both ways.

1. We heard him ____ say he was leaving early.
2. I want _____ speak to you.
3. He lets the dog _____ sleep on the sofa.

4. She lets her children _____ stay up late.
5. He wants everyone _____ be happy.
6. Can you help me _____ unload the car.
7. Have Mrs. Jones _____ come in, please.
8. Ask Mrs. Smith _____ wait in the lobby.
9. I didn't expect him _____ pay for our drinks.
10. He lets us _____ use his garage to store our lawn mower.
11. We came here _____ work, not _____ play.
12. She made us _____ stand in the corner.
13. She lets the dog _____ sleep on the sofa.
14. We planned _____ ask the manager about this apartment
15. You can't make a cat _____ do anything it doesn't want _____ do.
16. Can you help me _____ look for my car keys, please.
17. I would like you _____ wash the dishes.
18. I have _____ fix breakfast for everyone.
19. I saw him _____ pour the medicine down the drain.
20. Have the children _____ work in groups.

Some infinitives are preceded by an object. Tell the difference in meaning in these sentence pairs.

I want to listen to the band.	I want you to listen to the band.
I didn't ask to pay for it.	I didn't ask him to pay for it.
She expects to be in class by ten.	She expects the students to be in class by ten.

Some infinitives have to have an object before them in order to make sense.

EX: They don't allow **people** to smoke.
 This sentence wouldn't make sense without "people".
 To make this sentence make sense, you would have to change the infinitive to a gerund.
 EX: They don't allow smoking.

Read the sentences below and decide if they need an object to make sense. Put an object in the blank if they do. If not, leave it empty. A few sentences work both ways. If they work both ways, explain the difference in the meaning.

1. She reminded _____ to lock the door.
2. She remembered _____ to lock the door.
3. We advised _____ to catch the earlier flight.
4. We were advised _____ to catch the earlier flight.
5. The teacher instructed _____ to copy the sentences.
6. I warned _____ not to walk home alone.
7. They preferred _____ to go alone.
8. We hoped _____ to finish by nine o'clock.
9. We refused _____ to help with the fundraiser.
10. Mother wanted _____ to come to the party.