

Verbs Followed by an Infinitive

SUBJECT	VERB	INFINITIVE	COMPLEMENT
I	want	to get	the best price.
The salesperson	hopes	to make	a sale.
We	are planning	to buy	a new TV.

LANGUAGE NOTES:

- 1. An infinitive is to + the base form of a verb.
- 2. We often use an infinitive after the following verbs:

begin expect like plan start continue forget love prefer try decide hope need promise want

3. An infinitive never has an ending. It never shows the tense. Only the first verb shows the tense.

Circle the correct verb.

Example: I love try /(to try) on new clothes.

- 1. I begin to think / thought about that show.
- 2. The teacher tries explain / to explain the grammar.
- 3. The children to promise / promise to be good.
- 4. The doctor need / needs to see the patients.
- 5. You like to have / had new adventures, don't you?
- 6. I expect to / to expect to see your family someday soon.
- 7. They continue to love / love to their baseball team.
- 8. She started to get / get a head cold.
- 9. My mother prefers / prefer herbal tea.
- 10. We all wanting / want to go on a vacation.
- 11. He hopes $\underline{\text{to lose / losing}}$ weight for his health.
- 12. I forgot <u>call him / to call him</u> last night.
- 13. They need driving / to drive my friend home now.
- 14. My father doesn't want to go / going on a boat trip.
- 15. I love to be / to being inside on a rainy day.
- 16. She began to felt / to feel better after one day.