

41 Infinitives

EXAMPLES	EXPLANATION
I want to leave .	An infinitive (<i>to</i> + a base verb) is used after certain verbs.
I want him to leave .	An object can be added before an infinitive.
I'm happy to see you.	An infinitive can follow certain adjectives.
It's important to learn English.	An infinitive follows certain expressions with <i>it</i> .

EXERCISE 1 Underline the infinitives in the following sentences.

Example: She doesn't know how to speak English yet.

1. She hopes to go to school to learn English very quickly.
2. She plans to spend a year here studying.
3. She knows that it's important to learn another language.
4. Her parents sent her to the United States to learn English.
5. They learned to speak it when they were young.
6. She would like to learn Spanish after she learns English.
7. I think that she intends to study another language as well.
8. Maybe she plans to be a diplomat.
9. It's necessary to speak at least two other languages.
10. She needs directions to get to the classroom.
11. She will go to the school store to buy textbooks.
12. Her parents sent a package of books to her to study.

EXERCISE 2 Correct the mistakes in each sentence.

Example: He hopes to going to Africa next year.

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1. He wants to helps other people.

2. He is planning work on a farm.
