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English exercises > subjunctive exercises Many verbs in English are followed by object + infinitive rather than a clause that. Examples are: advise, allow, ask, beg, cause, command, oblige, encourage, wait, prohibit, force, take, hate, help, instruct, intend, invite, leave, would, love, mean, need, oblige, command, allow, prefer, recommend, recall, request, teach, say, tempt, problems, want, warn, want etc. I don't want him to leave. (I don't want him to go.) We don't allow people to smoke in the kitchen. I asked him to pay for the meal. I advised him to stop smoking. He taught us to forgive. I asked him to help me. We expect it to show up on time. My parents have always encouraged me to explore newer horizons. Some verbs are followed by object + infinitive without a. Examples are: to, to make, to see, hear, feel, watch, observe, have etc. Why don't you let me go? (NO Why don't you let me go?) I heard her sing a wonderful song. (I didn't hear her sing a wonderful song.) Note that many of the verbs listed above can also be followed by a form -ing or a clause. Some verbs cannot be followed by object + infinitive. Example: suggests. I suggested he see a doctor. (I did not suggest to consult a doctor.) English grammar exercise, pre-intermediate and intermediate level. In this exercise you will practice verbs that are followed by an object + to + infinitive structure. After some verbs we use someone+structure to + infinitive. The verbs that can be followed by this form include counseling, soliciting, allowing, waiting, encouraging, forcing, helping, invitation, order, persuasion, need, say. They helped their neighbor fix his car. He asked me to give him some advice. He told his assistant to send the package. He convinced him to have lunch with her. We need someone to help us. Negative form is object + not + to + infinitive. He advised me not to sell my house. Exercise instructions The following sentences have all verb + object + to + infinitive structure. Fill in each sentence by putting the words in parentheses in the correct form. Verbs followed by an object and to-infinitive advise lets beg because choose command allows to encourage wait the hiring force invite invite need order lets prepare the promise reason ask warning urge would like my GP advised me to see a specialist. Can you ask him to copy this letter for me? She begged him not to leave her. The colonel has commanded his men to charge him. can we encourage a child to use the toilet rather than his potty? You expect me to believe you? The teacher instructed the students to line up in pairs. I invited Jill to come to dinner on Saturday. After days of pointless fighting, the general ordered the Marines to withdraw. I tried to convince them to stay, but they said they were too tired. I-I Andy's to bring a bottle of wine and some snacks. The doctor told me to quit smoking. The opposition urged the government to take Immediately. The professor warned us to be diligent with our weekly tasks. Verbs followed by an object and an infinitive can also be passive: Students have been instructed to line up in pairs. After days of pointless fighting, the Marines were ordered to withdraw. I was told to quit smoking. Verb + object + to + infinitive After certain verbs We can use the following verbs + object + to + infinitive: advise, allow, ask, beg, cause, convince, allow, encourage, wait, force, get (see get uses), help, intend, invite, mean, order, convince, recommend, recall, take (time), teach, say, warn. (See table with examples below) want, need, would like, would like, would prefer We would also use wish, need, would like, would like, would prefer + object + to + infinitive. I want you to do something for me. She wants me to go to the doctor with her. He'd like me to be available all the time. I'd hate for you to think I don't appreciate what you've done for me. I would prefer to be quiet Verbs also used in other ways advise, convince, remember, teach, say, warn We can also use advise, convince, remember, teach, say, warn + object + (that) clause. Our mentor advised us to start working on the project as soon as possible. The president convinced them that the situation was critical. I called him to remind him that he needs to get all the necessary equipment. They taught me that things aren't always that way. Danny told me he'd be appointed director of overseas operations. He warned that temperatures would drop dramatically in the coming week. recommend We can also use recommend + this clause (no object). I recommended he stay. I recommended he stay. (more formal) I recommended he stay. (less formal) advise, allow, recommend We can use advise, allow, recommend + object + to + infinitive. But if followed by verb (without object), this verb must take the form -ing. He advised me to go, but he advised me to leave. They don't allow us to drink anything, but they don't allow us to drink. He recommended I take the course, but he recommended that I take the course. Verb + for someone + to + infinitive arrange, ask, plan, wait We say arrange, ask, plan or wait + for someone + to + infinitive. I'll arrange for you to have a meeting with him next week. I asked someone to fix my air conditioning. I plan for him to turn his ideas into action. I waited for him to come. Adjectives We can use certain adjectives + for someone + to + infinitive. It is essential for us to be prepared when we are needed. It would be nice for you to be there on rehearsal day. It's difficult for Sarah to make ends meet now that she works part-time. Nouns We can use certain nouns, would be advantage, disadvantage, demand, disaster, idea, mistake, etc+ for someone + to + infinitive. It was a mistake to borrow his money. It would be disaster for the company to reduce the number of employees. I I It's a good idea to go to the interview. An extra room is an advantage for families to use as a play area. too/enough We can also use too or enough + for someone + to infinitive. The book was too big for me to forget. It was pretty hot for us staying outdoors. Infinitive purpose We can also use the same structure after an infinitive of purpose. The purpose of this activity is for students to practice their listening skills. The goal is for the dog to relax when wearing a leash. Verb + object + infinitive without leaving, doing, helping We can use verbs to leave, make, and help followed by object + infinitive without a. He takes me to work and never lets me pay for gas. The professor made us write a very long essay. Can I help you fix the fence? (But helping someone to do it is also correct) to be made to make We say make + someone + infinitive (without), but we say someone + be done + to + infinitive. They made employees wear the uniform every day. The staff was made to wear their uniform every day. hear, listen, observe, see We can use hear, listen, observe, see + object + infinitive, without talking about a short or complete action (see B1 + patterns of verb); i saw the kiss (I saw the action from start to finish. It was probably a short kiss.) I heard someone calling your name. (I heard the screams from the star at the end.) But we use hear, listen, observe, see, clock + object + -ing to talk about an ongoing action; and action that is longer, and incomplete. I saw them kissing in the park. (The action was ongoing. I've never seen him finish) Verb + object + gerund In this type of construction, the object of the main verb is the subject of the verb in gerund form. The following verbs can be used before the object + gerund: dislike, hate, imagine, involve, keep, mind, prevent, not like, remember, resentment, risk, stop (see table with examples below) Tables with examples of sentences Page 2 2

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