

## 1 You use a verb + to + infinitive with some common verbs of saying and thinking:

agree choose decide expect hope learn plan promise



They **promised** to give the books back on Friday.

We are **planning** to have a party next week.

I **learnt** to drive in a week. It was easy!

To make a negative, you add **not** before to:

It was late so we **decided not** to go out.



I **agreed not** to play the guitar after midnight.

## 2 You use verb + object + to + infinitive with some verbs:

advise tell ask remind order expect

My teacher **advised me** to buy a dictionary.

'I **expect you** to be here at 9 o'clock,' his mother said.

The officer **ordered the soldiers** to go back.

They **told us** to be at the train station at 6 o'clock.

## 3 You can use verb + wh-word + to + infinitive with some verbs:

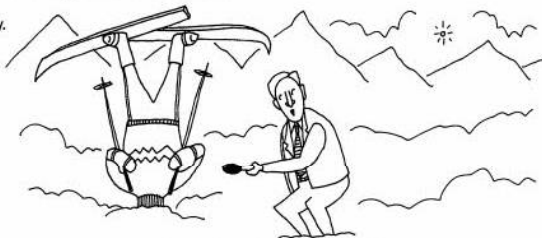
ask explain learn understand decide forget know remember

I can't **explain how** to do it, I'm sorry.

We can't **decide what** to eat.

I didn't **know what** to do.

I can never **remember how** to spell that word.



When did you learn how to ski?

**A Complete the sentences:**

- I'll have the red shirt, please.
- I started swimming when I was 9.
- We're going to visit Moscow this year.
- I'll never be late again.
- She's sure she will be home at ten.

- He decided \_\_\_\_\_.
- I learnt \_\_\_\_\_.
- We plan \_\_\_\_\_.
- He promised never \_\_\_\_\_.
- She expects \_\_\_\_\_.



- He's not going to swim after all.

He decided \_\_\_\_\_.

**B Complete the sentences using one of these verbs:**

remind advised asked want asked told

- The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ me to take the exam.
- Who \_\_\_\_\_ you to come to the party?
- A policeman \_\_\_\_\_ us not to park the car on the corner because it was dangerous.
- 'The train leaves at ten, so I \_\_\_\_\_ you all to be ready at half-past nine'.
- We were lost so we stopped and \_\_\_\_\_ someone to show us the way to the hotel.
- Please \_\_\_\_\_ me to buy some milk on the way home.

**C Complete the sentences with the following:**

understand what know how remember what forget how decided when explained how  
understand how know what remember where forgotten what decide what explained where

- This exercise is difficult. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ to do.
- Could you repeat that, please? I've \_\_\_\_\_ you said.
- When I was young I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to ski. Now I'm an expert.
- We got lost because we couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to turn off the motorway.
- I went to the supermarket, but I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to buy for the cake.
- Some people find it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ to wear to parties.
- A: Have you \_\_\_\_\_ to go on holiday? B: Yes, in April.
- The situation was so embarrassing. I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to do!
- They say you never \_\_\_\_\_ to ride a bicycle.
- The guide \_\_\_\_\_ to go to buy the best souvenirs.
- It was difficult finding your flat. Fortunately, we met someone who \_\_\_\_\_ to get there.
- A lot of people use computers nowadays, but very few actually \_\_\_\_\_ they work.