Unit

## Adjective + to-infinitive, -ing, that-clause, wh-clause

When an adjective comes after a linking verb (e.g. appear, be, become, seem; see Unit 21) we can use a number of patterns after the adjective including a to-infinitive, -ing, that-clause, and wh-clause. (For It + linking verb + adjective, see B.)

	adjective +	example adjectives used in this pattern
j	to-infinitive  You're free to leave at any time you want.	(un)able, careful, crazy, curious, difficult, easy, foolish, free, good, hard, impossible, inclined, mad, nice, prepared, ready, stupid, welcome, willing
ii	-ing  He was busy doing his homework.	busy, crazy, foolish, mad, stupid; (after the verb feel) awful, awkward, bad, good, guilty, terrible
III	that-clause  He became worried (that) she might fall down.	afraid, alarmed, amazed, angry, annoyed, ashamed, astonished, aware, concerned, disappointed, glad, (un)happy, pleased, shocked, sorry, upset, worried; certain, confident, positive, sure
iv	wh-clause I'm not certain (of / about) why he wants to borrow the money	afraid, not aware / unaware, not certain / uncertain, doubtful, not sure / unsure, worried
V	to-infinitive or that-clause  She was afraid to say anything.  I was afraid that I would be late.	the adjectives in (iii) above, except <b>aware</b> , <b>confident</b> and <b>positive</b>
vi	to-infinitive or -ing  He'd be stupid to leave now.  He'd be stupid giving up the job.	crazy, foolish, mad, stupid
vii	<ul> <li>ing or that-clause</li> <li>She felt awful leaving him with all the clearing up.</li> <li>She felt awful that she was late.</li> </ul>	(after the verb feel) awful, awkward, bad, good, guilty, terrible

to-infinitive, -ing or that-clause:

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It made me angry (to discover) that so

much money was wasted. (or It made

me angry discovering that ... or I was

It + linking verb + adjective	
We can sometimes use it + linking verb + adjective linking verb + adjective + to-infinitive (see also l	
<ul> <li>The fireworks were amazing to watch. or</li> <li>It was amazing to watch the fireworks.</li> </ul>	Also: annoying, awkward, easy, good, interesting, lovely, simple, terrific, wonderful
In informal speech we can use an -ing form instead	d of a to-infinitive:
<ul> <li>It is easy understanding her.</li> </ul>	It was amazing watching the fireworks.
We can use a similar pattern with adjective + wh-	or that-clause (see Unit 96A):
It is not clear why he did it.	It was odd that she left so suddenly.
After certain adjectives we often include of + subj	ect between the adjective and a to-infinitive:
<ul> <li>It was rude (of them) to criticise her. or</li> <li>They were rude to criticise her.</li> </ul>	Also: brave, generous, kind, mean, thoughtful, unprofessional, unreasonable
When we talk about how somebody reacts to a sit	uation we can use it + make with an adjective and

Also: ashamed, furious, glad, happy,

miserable, nervous, sad, tired, uncomfortable

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## **Exercises**

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