

24 Complex verb patterns

There are several different patterns that verbs can follow, including whether they can be followed by an infinitive or a gerund.

⚙️ **New language** Verb + infinitive / gerund

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24.1 KEY LANGUAGE VERB + INFINITIVE PATTERNS

Some verbs are followed by an infinitive.

VERB + INFINITIVE

He **managed to finish** the report just in time.



Other verbs must have an object before an infinitive.

VERB + OBJECT + INFINITIVE

My computer **enables me to work** on two screens at once.



24.2 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT PHRASE IN EACH SENTENCE

I was delighted when the HR department ~~offered me~~ / **offered** to improve my salary.

- 1 The new product launch caused ~~the profits to rise~~ / **to rise the profits**, which was excellent news.
- 2 I recently lost my job, but I ~~managed me~~ / **managed** to find a new one quite quickly.
- 3 The employees were furious, so they ~~threatened the boss~~ / **threatened** to not work yesterday.
- 4 I always get scared when my boss ~~invites me to~~ / **invites to me** her office. It's never good news.
- 5 Sometimes it can be good to ~~volunteer you~~ / **volunteer** to do extra work. It'll impress your boss.
- 6 On Fridays, my manager sometimes ~~allows me~~ / **allows** to leave early to enjoy the weekend.



24.3 KEY LANGUAGE VERB + GERUND PATTERNS

Some verbs are usually followed by a gerund instead of an infinitive.

VERB + GERUND

I really **enjoy** **working** at the zoo. It's a lot of fun.



Some verbs can be followed by an object and a gerund.

VERB + OBJECT + GERUND

Hayley **heard** **the boss** **interviewing** the new secretary.



24.4 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL

I remember mentioning some changes to you briefly, so here's a little more information.

- ① Over the years we have enjoyed _____ the market when it comes to the environment.
- ② An auditor has advised us _____ some of our policies in order to improve further.
- ③ One change we would like _____ is to no longer supply disposable cups.
- ④ We're sure that you will approve of us _____ to become more environmentally friendly.
- ⑤ The change will prevent our company _____ up to 25,000 cups each year.
- ⑥ Bringing your own mug will enable us _____ to this new initiative.
- ⑦ We hope that you approve of the company _____ a change like this. It's for a great cause.
- ⑧ I'll send another quick memo on Friday to remind you _____ your own mug to work.

to stick

leading

throwing away

mentioning

to make

trying

to bring

making

to change



24.5 KEY LANGUAGE VERBS THAT NEED A PREPOSITION

Some verbs need to be followed by a specific preposition before an object. Different verbs are followed by different prepositions.

VERB + PREPOSITION



The head chef used to **shout at** the staff to encourage them to work harder.



24.6 FURTHER EXAMPLES VERBS THAT NEED A PREPOSITION



The café was **counting on** the new menu to impress its customers.



The head chef **appealed to** the manager to hire more kitchen staff.



The café **advertised for** another chef to join the team.



24.7 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

They planned **for** / ~~at~~ / ~~on~~ / ~~to~~ a babysitter to look after their son while they went to a dinner party.

- 1 He appealed **for** / **at** / **on** / **to** the audience, asking them to stop booing the actors in the play.
- 2 She always shouts **for** / **at** / **on** / **to** him when he doesn't take the dog for a walk.
- 3 You should wait **for** / **at** / **on** / **to** Jane to arrive before talking to Max about this important issue.
- 4 I'm sure that I can count **for** / **at** / **on** / **to** you to support your boss at this difficult time.
- 5 I've arranged **for** / **at** / **on** / **to** the doctor to see you tomorrow morning at 10am.
- 6 My children never listen **for** / **at** / **on** / **to** me when I tell them what to do.





24.8 READ THE ARTICLE AND WRITE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AS FULL SENTENCES

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WELCOME!

Here you can find out more about the YouToPrint company history, where we are now, and our exciting plans for the future. We began designing and printing documents and cards for businesses 20 years ago.

Last year, we streamlined our processes by putting the client in charge of design, while we focused on providing the quality materials and printing. While this meant that we had to let go of a few of our staff, we made a number of economies which we could then pass on to our clients in the form of cheaper prices.

We will shortly be revealing our SmartUBiz cards. You only need to tap these cards on a smartphone to be taken directly to a website. Those websites can be changed by the client at any time, so the business card is always up to date.

What information can you find on this page of the YouToPrint website?

You can discover more about the company's history, and also its present and future plans.

1 What part of the process did YouToPrint do 20 years ago that they don't now?

2 What did the company focus on when the clients started designing the products?

3 How did the clients benefit when a number of people were let go?

4 How do SmartUBiz cards work?

24 ✓ CHECKLIST



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