

INFINITIVE COMPLEXES

f. Complex Object	II. Complex Subject	III. For - Complex
<p>¥ -f noun / pm + (to) Infinitive</p> <p>No 'to' after:</p> <p>1. see, watch, notice, observe, hear, feel <i>Nobody saw me leave.</i></p> <p>2. make, have, let, dare <i>You should make him come.</i></p> <p>To- Infinitive after want, expect, think, believe, consider, suppose, assume, etc. <i>He considers the problem to be very complicated.</i></p>	<p>NI prn + active / passive verb + to Inf.</p> <p><u>g/prn + passive verb + to Inf.</u></p> <p>1. <i>He was seen to leave.</i></p> <p>2. <i>He was made to come.</i></p> <p>3. <i>This (ask is considered (not) to be/to have been complicated*</i></p>	<p>For + noun/pm + to Inf.</p> <p>He spoke in a high voice for everybody to hear him.</p> <p>It is all very well for you to laugh.</p> <p>This question is for him to decide.</p> <p>He suggested an idea for the problem to be solved quickly.</p>
	<p><u>n/pm + active v + to Inf*</u></p> <p>1. (don't) seem / appear <i>He seems / appears to have been learning English long.</i></p> <p>2. Mm *M /..P rove (followed by 'to be') <i>The task turned out / proved to be difficult</i></p> <p>3. <u>happen</u> <i>Do you happen to know her name?</i></p>	
	<p><u>be -f sure / certain / likely + to-Inf.</u></p> <p><i>He is sure/certain/ likely to come late.</i></p>	

I- The Complex Object construction (revision) is built on the pattern

Noun /pronoun	••	Verb	+	noun /pronoun	+	(to) Infinitive
The boy		heard		his mother		call him.
He		wants		you		to do it

1. There are certain verbs which are used in the construction followed by the *to' Infinitive. They are:

think, believe, suppose, consider, assume, expect, find, want, mean, desire, (would) like, hate, order, ask, allow, forbid, encourage

e.g. *Many people consider / believe/ think English to be an international language and find it easy to learn.*
I didn't mean the task to puzzle you so much.
Possible promotion encouraged him to learn English.

2. The verbs of physical perception *see, watch, observe, notice, hear, feel* and the verbs *make, have, get, let* are followed in the Complex Object construction by **an infinitive** without 'to'.

e.g. / *noticed/ smv / watched/ observed him pass her a parcel.*
He cannot make/get/let me go.
You must make, have /get him come.

II. The Complex Subject construction is built on three patterns.

No pattern is used in the Future tense. The same verbs as in the Complex Object construction are used here. They may be followed by all forms of the Infinitive. Be careful to translate the structure correctly.

Pattern 1

noun /pronoun	+	passive Verb	+	to-Infinitive
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