

Be careful not to use 'to' before the Infinitive forms following certain words:

- i. auxiliary and modal verbs: do /does/ did ; must; can / could;; may / might; will / shall; would / should; needn't

e.g. *Why did you go to the stadium? You needn't have done it.
You might have stayed at home and watched the game on TV.*

- 2., verbs of physical perception in the active form:
see, watch, notice, observe, hear, feel

*V.g, I have never heard him speak English,
Hut in the passive:
He has never been heard to sing.*

3. the verbs: make, have, let, dare

e.g. *Have / make him do the work quickly, carefully and independently.
Let everybody contribute to the discussion.
How did you dare argue with him?
Nobody made you speak. Why did you?*

But in the passive:

*He was made to speak.
He was made to understand that he had better keep silent.*

Note: the verbs 'have', 'dare' are not used on this pattern.

- * word combinations: would rather / sooner do «» (than)..
had better do ..., Why (not) do ...?, cannot but do ...

e.g. / Y/ *rather speak to you in private, = I'd prefer to speak to you.
He'd sooner die than apologize.
You'd better take an umbrella. It may rain.
Why not put the discussion off till tomorrow?
He couldn't but admit his guilt.*

The to-Infinitive is used :

1. after some common verbs with or without an object

appear	challenge	instruct	refuse
afford	convince	learn	remind
agree	decide	manage	seem
arrange	demand	mean	struggle
advise	deserve	need	swear
allow	expect	order	tell
ask	encourage	offer	teach
begin	fail	plan	threaten
be	forbid	prepare	wait
claim	force	pretend	want
choose	hesitate	promise	warn
cease	hope	permit	wish
cause	invite	persuade	urge

2. after adjectives without prepositions

e.g. *This plan is impossible to effect.
He is lucky to have acquired such experience.*

3. after too + adjective and adjective + enough

e.g. *Chinese is too difficult to learn quickly.
Many people believe that English is easy enough to learn.*

4. in introductory Infinitive phrases

to tell the truth - по правде говоря
to sum up - короче говоря; подводя итог сказанному
to conclude - в заключении
to make a long story short - короче говоря
to make things worse - хуже того
to say nothing of... / not to mention ... - не говоря уже о ...
to say the least - по меньшей мере, если не сказать большего
to put it mildly - мягко выражаясь