

Common Verbs and Adjectives Followed by Infinitives

<u>verb + to do something</u> <i>Despite a growing economy, unemployment <u>continued to rise.</u></i>	
afford	<i>Financial aid programs help students who cannot afford to pay their college tuition fees.</i>
appear	<i>The results appear to support Dr. Jameson's theory.</i>
claim	<i>The forensic analyst claimed to have found evidence that the defendant committed the crime.</i>
decide	<i>The state government decided to raise sales taxes to slow down the growing budget deficit.</i>
expect	<i>The team expects to complete the project by next fall.</i>
fail	<i>The jury acquitted the defendant because the prosecutor failed to prove his allegation.</i>
manage	<i>A few concerned parents managed to convince thousands of people to sign the petition.</i>
offer	<i>The company offered to give employees a raise instead of more paid vacation days.</i>
plan	<i>The mayoral candidate plans to raise at least a million dollars by the end of the year.</i>

<u>verb + someone/thing + to do something</u> <i>Family problems forced some teenagers to drop out of school.</i>	
ask	<i>The questionnaire asked participants to rate the City's public transportation services.</i>
cause	<i>Many scientists believe that human activity has caused the earth to get warmer.</i>
challenge	<i>No one challenged the researchers to explain why they excluded some data.</i>
convince	<i>According to Dr. Platt, it is difficult to convince teenagers to listen to music at a low volume.</i>
encourage	<i>The program is designed to encourage abused women to seek help.</i>
persuade	<i>The article is written to persuade parents to monitor their children's use of the internet.</i>
remind	<i>Letters were sent to parents to remind them to attend the discussion on safety tips for internet use.</i>
require	<i>The law requires sexually explicit websites to put clear disclaimers on their homepages</i>

<u>adjective + to do something</u> <i>Most adolescents find it difficult to resist peer pressure.</i>	
pleased	<i>The researchers said they were pleased to see that most of the findings proved their hypotheses.</i>
surprised	<i>On the other hand, they were surprised to realize that some results contradicted their assumption.</i>
anxious	<i>The relatives of the missing person are anxious to get any information about him.</i>
afraid	<i>Some parents want to know if their kids experiment with drugs, but they are afraid to ask.</i>
shocked	<i>Jason's mother was shocked to discover that he had tried drugs in the past.</i>