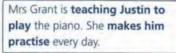
66 Verb (+ object) + infinitive; make and let



1 Verb (+ object) + infinitive with to

With some verbs it is possible to put an object between the first verb and the infinitive:

ask beg dare expect help intend mean need require want wish would like/love/hate/prefer

verb + infinitive + to	verb + object + infinitive with to
Sami wants to find a better job.	Sami wants his son/him to find a better job.
I didn't intend to spend so much money.	I didn't intend Laralher to spend so much money.

- ▲ We don't use a that clause after these verbs: × We begged Antonia that she didn't go out alone. ✓ We begged Antonia not to go out alone.
- We can use the infinitive with or without to after help: I'll help you carry those bags. / I'll help you to carry those bags. (> Unit 65.1)

2 Verb + object + infinitive with to

With other verbs we ALWAYS put an object between the first verb and the infinitive:

advise allow cause encourage forbid force invite permit persuade recommend remind teach tell order warn

Mrs Grant is **teaching Justin to play** the piano. We always **encourage the students to plan** their revision. Can you **remind me to set** the alarm for 6.30 when we go to bed?

▲ To make the infinitive verb negative we put *not* BEFORE to:
★ The police persuaded the gumman to not shoot. ✓ The police persuaded the gumman not to shoot.
Some verbs (advise, allow, forbid, permit, recommend) can also be followed by an -ing form as an object (> Unit 64.2):

The management does not allow staff to smoke. BUT The management does not allow smoking. We recommend students to use a good dictionary. BUT We recommend using a good dictionary.

3 make and let

The verbs *make* and *let* always have an object, and are followed by the infinitive without *to*: *Mrs Grant* **makes Justin practise** *every day*. (= forces him to) *Our manager* **lets us work** *from home once or twice a week*. (= allows us to) *The soldiers* **made the prisoners walk** 50 *kilometres*.

But in the passive, we use to before the infinitive. For *let*, we use *allowed to* (➤ Unit 52.2/3): *The prisoners were made to walk 50 kilometres before they were allowed to sleep.* X ... *they weren't let to sleep.* ✓ *They weren't allowed to sleep.*