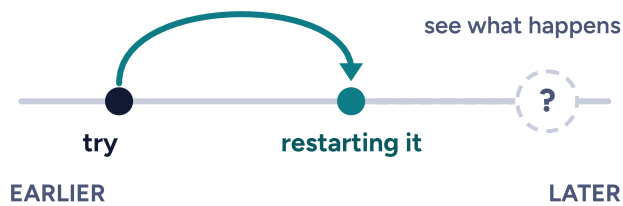


Try Doing vs Try to Do

Try doing is an experiment: do it and see what happens. *Try restarting the printer.* **Try to do** is an effort: it's difficult, and it may not work. *I tried to fix the printer, but I couldn't.*

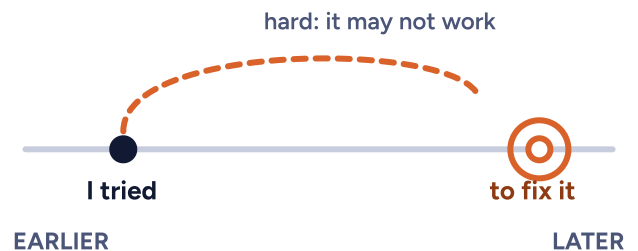
TRY DOING · AN EXPERIMENT

Try restarting the printer.



TRY TO DO · AN EFFORT

I tried to fix the printer, but I couldn't.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- I tried _____ the window, but it was stuck.
a) to open b) opening
- Have you tried _____ salt? It might taste better.
a) to add b) adding
- She's trying _____ weight before the summer.
a) losing b) to lose
- If the screen freezes, try _____ Escape.
a) pressing b) to press
- He tried hard _____ calm.
a) staying b) to stay

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. Try to restarting it.

2. I tried open the window.

3. I tried lifting the box, but it was too heavy.

3. Your turn

Write two sentences about your own life: one with **Try doing** and one with **Try to do**. Then explain the difference to a partner.

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/compare/try-doing-vs-try-to-do

Try Doing vs Try to Do

1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) to open** An effort that failed: try to.
2. **b) adding** An experiment to see if it helps: try + -ing.
3. **b) to lose** An effort: try to.
4. **a) pressing** An easy experiment: try + -ing.
5. **b) to stay** An effort (tried hard): try to.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **Try restarting it.** Either try + -ing or try to + base verb, not both.
2. **I tried to open the window.** For an effort, use try to + base verb.
3. **I tried to lift the box, but it was too heavy.** It was an effort that failed: try to.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.