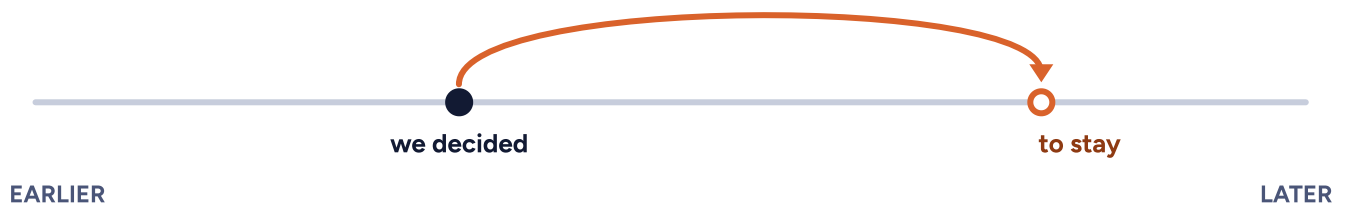


Verbs Followed by To + Verb

After some verbs, the next verb takes **to + base verb** (the infinitive): *I want to travel. We decided to stay. She managed to finish.* These verbs often point **forward**: to a plan, a hope or a goal. Common ones: **want, decide, hope, plan, agree, refuse, promise, manage, afford, learn, need, offer.**

We **decided to stay** at home.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

1. We can't afford _____ a new car.
a) buying b) to buy
2. He promised _____ me back.
a) to call b) calling
3. I'd like you _____ this.
a) read b) to read
4. They agreed _____ the price.
a) lowering b) to lower
5. She refused _____ the form.
a) to sign b) signing

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. I want going home.

2. I want that you come.

3. She managed finishing on time.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences of your own that use this rule. You can use these phrases.

would like to

can't afford to

be about to

in order to

too tired to

old enough to

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at
clarigram.app/gerund-infinitive/verbs-with-to

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **b) to buy** Afford is followed by to + verb.
2. **a) to call** Promise is followed by to + verb.
3. **b) to read** Would like + person + to.
4. **b) to lower** Agree is followed by to + verb.
5. **a) to sign** Refuse is followed by to + verb.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **I want to go home.** Want is followed by to + verb.
2. **I want you to come.** Want + person + to, not a that-clause.
3. **She managed to finish on time.** Manage is followed by to + verb.

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.