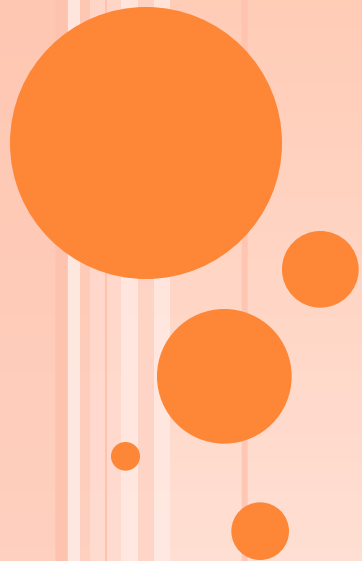


# ***THE INFINITIVE***

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# THE INFINITIVE

Russia

- 2 forms

*Примеры:*

- Спрашивать
- Быть спрошенным

English

- 6 Functions
- 6 Forms
- Double Nature

# THE INFINITIVE DEFINITION

- ❑ a non-finite form of the verb
- ❑ has a double nature: nominal and verbal
- ❑ the formal sign of **the infinitive** is the particle **to**

# FUNCTIONS OF THE INFINITIVE

1. A subject
2. A part of a predicative
3. A part of a compound verbal predicate
4. An object
5. An attribute
6. An adverbial modifier

# FORMS - TENSE DISTINCTIONS

| <b>Tense</b>           | <b>Voice</b>            |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                        | <b>Active</b>           | <b>Passive</b>          |
| Simple<br>(Indefinite) | to write                | to be written           |
| Continuous             | to be writing           | -                       |
| Perfect                | to have written         | to have been<br>written |
| Perfect<br>Continuous  | to have been<br>writing | -                       |

# SIMPLE (INDEFINITE) INFINITIVE

REFERS TO THE PRESENT OR FUTURE

Active:

- They want **to invite** him.
- I like **to go** there.

Passive:

- They want **to be invited** there.
- He hopes **to be offered** a promotion.

# CONTINUOUS INFINITIVE

DESCRIBES AN ACTION HAPPENING  
NOW

Active:

They must **be working** now.



# PERFECT INFINITIVE

SHOWS THAT THE ACTION OF THE INFINITIVE HAPPENED BEFORE THE ACTION OF THE VERB

with verbs:

Seem, appear, believe, know, claim, expect

Active:

Steve **seems** to have gone to a lot of places.

He **claims** to have met the Queen.

Passive:

John **appears** to have been offered a job.

The book **seems** to have been translated.



# INFINITIVE

EMPHASES THE DURATION OF THE ACTION

Active:

He looks tired. He **seems to have been working** all morning.



# IN PAIRS, ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS USING THE PROMPTS BELOW, AS AN EXAMPLE

- SA: Have they been sleeping?
- SB: No, they seem not to have been sleeping.

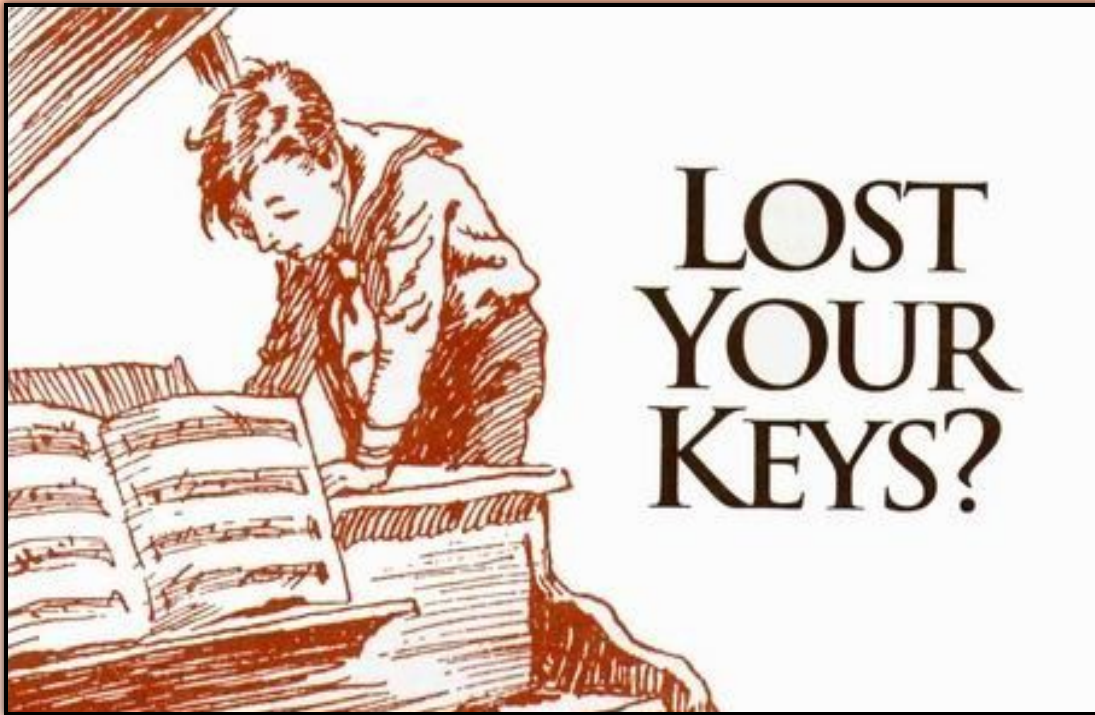


# IN PAIRS, ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS USING THE PROMPTS BELOW



Are they running?

# IN PAIRS, ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS USING THE PROMPTS BELOW



Has he lost his keys?

# IN PAIRS, ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS USING THE PROMPTS BELOW



Are they building the house?

# IN PAIRS, ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS USING THE PROMPTS BELOW



Has he hurt his knee?

# IN PAIRS, ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS USING THE PROMPTS BELOW



Is he painting the picture?

# THE INFINITIVE AS AN ATTRIBUTE

1

- This is not **the book to be found** in any library.
- He has no desire **to be appointed** to this post.

2

- The amount **to be paid** includes the cost of packing.



# THE INFINITIVE AS AN ATTRIBUTE

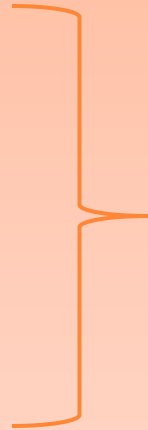
3

The first

The second

The third

The last



**to do**

He was **the first to go away.**

# THE INFINITIVE AS AN ATTRIBUTE

4

after nouns, pronouns, some, any, no

He brought me **a book** to read.

Give me **something** to drink.

It's **a pleasure** to work with you.

# THE INFINITIVE AS A SUBJECT

- ▣ **To smoke** is bad for health.
- ▣ **To do it** is to help them.

## After adjectives

cold, difficult, easy, simple, desirable, angry,  
happy, glad etc.

It is **important** to tell them the truth.

# THE INFINITIVE AS A SUBJECT

- With it + be + adjective (+ of + object)

**It was nice of** him **to remember** my birthday.

- With “**only**” to express unsatisfactory result

He called me **only to say** that he would be late.

# THE INFINITIVE AS AN ADVERBIAL MODIFIER

- After **in order to**, **so as**, **so as not**

I'll write down the telephone number **so as not to be late**.

- **enough**, **too**, **so+adj+as**

He is clever **enough to do** such things.

She's **too tired to go** out.

- **As if**, **as though**

She waved her hands **as if to say** good bye.

# AS A PREDICATIVE

His great desire is **to visit** England.

My first duty is **to study** well.

The thing to do was **to stay** calm.

# THE FOR-TO-INFINITIVE CONSTRUCTION

**For me to go** there is impossible.

That was **for you to find out**.

The teacher asked **for the papers to be brought**.

The best thing **for you to do** is to forgive her.

I stepped aside **for the car to go by**.

She spoke loud **for you to hear**.

# COMPLEX SUBJECT

- It is said – говорят
- It is reported – сообщают
- It seems – кажется
- It is likely – вероятно

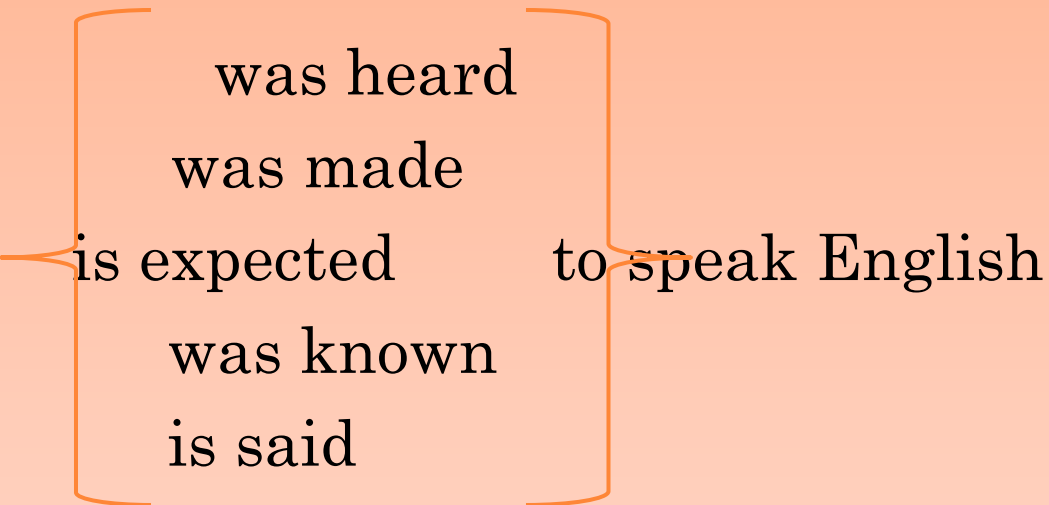
**It is said that they know Chinese well.**



**They are said to know Chinese well.**



# COMPLEX SUBJECT

He  was heard  
was made  
is expected to speak English  
was known  
is said

# COMPLEX OBJECT

He { is  
was } supposed to return tomorrow  
to have returned  
to be working now  
to have been working  
here for many years

# COMPLEX OBJECT

is used in Passive Voice with the verbs:

To see, to hear, to order, to cause, to allow, to expect, to know, to suppose, to report, to announce, to believe, to consider, to regard

**The book** was expected **to have been published** by the summer of 1999.

# COMPLEX OBJECT


- 1 seem, appear – казаться, по-видимому
- 2 prove, turn out, appear, happen – оказаться
- 3 happen – случаться, случайно

The child **seemed** to be sleeping.


The task **proved** (to be) very difficult.

He **happened** to be here when I came.

# COMPLEX ОБЪЕКТ

He  is likely (вероятно)  
is unlikely (маловероятно)  
is sure (конечно)  
is certain (несомненно, на pewno)

to  
return



# COMPLEX OBJECT



He is unlikely to come.

# COMPLEX OBJECT

want  
ask  
order



To do  
To be done

Know, believe=suppose, expect, find consider,  
think, mean

We suppose him **to return** home early.

We find **your research work (to be)** very interesting.

# THE INFINITIVE AS PARENTHESIS

To begin with – начать с того...

To cut a long story short – короче говоря

To make a long story short – короче говоря

To put it mildly – мягко выражаясь

To tell the truth – по правде говоря

To say nothing of – не говоря уже о

To say the least of it – чтобы не сказать больше

To speak quite frankly – откровенно говоря



# MEMORIZE THE EXPRESSIONS:

1. He is hard to please. - Ему трудно угодить.
2. She is pleasant to look at. – У нее привлекательная внешность.
3. I have something to tell you. - Мне надо вам кое-что сказать.
4. There is nothing to be done. - Ничего не поделаешь.
5. The house is to let. – Дом сдается внаем.
6. Who is to blame? – Кто виноват?
7. There is nothing left to do but left. – Единственное, что остается – это ждать.

# THE USE OF THE INFINITIVE WITHOUT THE PARTICLE *TO*

1. After auxiliary verbs (**shall, will, do** etc)
2. After modal verbs (except **ought**)
3. After verbs denoting sense perception: **to hear, to see, to feel, to know** etc
4. After the verb **to let**
5. After the verb **to make**
6. After the expressions **had better, would rather, would sooner, cannot but, nothing but**
7. In sentences beginning with **why**

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