

Infinitives with and without to

The infinitive usually takes the marker to. However, in some cases, it is used without to.

Can you use infinitives correctly? Test your understanding with this grammar exercise.

1. I would rather

wait

to wait

waiting

2. You ought your ways.

mend

to mend

3. She didn't anything.

say

to say

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4. She was told the room.

leave

to leave

5. You had better what she wants.

see

to see

6. I don't let my children up late.

stay

to stay

7. I didn't see him in.

come

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to come

8. We both heard her that she was leaving.

say

to say

9. Did you feel the earth?

move

to move

10. Can you help me the car?

load

to load

Either could be used here

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Answers

1. I would rather wait.
2. You ought to mend your ways.
3. She didn't say anything.
4. She was told to leave the room.
5. You had better see what she wants.
6. I don't let my children stay up late.
7. I didn't see him come in.
8. We both heard her say that she was leaving.
9. Did you feel the earth move?
10. Can you help me load / to load the car?
11. I was made to wait.