

The infinitive

The infinitive is **to + verb**.

Here are some examples of the infinitive:

to do	to like	to have	to run	to walk
to catch	to study	to learn	to get up	to write

Write down some more examples:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Look at the conversation below

Why do you go to the library?

To read newspapers from my country.

To use the internet and email for free.

To borrow books.

We use the infinitive (to + verb) to say why we do things.

Why do you come to school every day?

→ To learn English.

Why?

Look at the words in the box.



to sign on	to have a meal
to meet my friends	to send letters
to buy meat	to do the shopping
to borrow books	to watch films
to wash my clothes	to withdraw money

Now complete the sentences

Example: I go to the supermarket to do the shopping.

1. I go to the cinema _____.
2. I go to a restaurant _____.
3. I go to the bank _____.
4. I go to the launderette _____.
5. I go to the post office _____.
6. I go a pub or a café _____.
7. I go to the library _____.
8. I go to the Social Welfare Office _____.
9. I go to the butcher's _____.

Complete the sentences.

Use the infinitive to explain why.

1. I need English when I go to the Social Welfare Office

2. I need English when I go to the doctor

3. I need English when I use the telephone

4. I need English when I go to the bank

5. I need English when I go to public offices

6. I need English when I apply for a job

7. I need English when I look for a house or flat
