

Lesson 45

Complex object

Definition. Complex object - is a combination of a noun in the common case or a pronoun in the objective case and an infinitive used after the predicate.

The usual sentence: **I want to read this book.**

Complex Object: **I want him to read this book.**

Construction of the Complex Object is used in the following sequence:

Subject + Verb + Object + Particle (to) + Infinitive

or

Subject + Verb + Object + Infinitive (without particle to)

Rules of using

1) In a case of expressing physical perception and sensation:

see, watch, look, notice, observe, feel, hear ...

After these verbs, we use the infinitive without the particle **to**:

I have never heard you sing.

We saw the postman slip a thick envelope into the box.

With verbs of perception, we can use Present or Past Participle instead of infinitive. If we

If we use Present Participle (P1), we demonstrate the process of the action:

I saw her running along the road.

If we use Past Participle (P2), we emphasize the one-off action or completeness of the action:

I saw her run into the house.

2) In a case of expressing motivation, compulsion the infinitive is used also without **to**:

let, make, have...

You can't make me do such things.

Never let him go.

They had the man do what they wanted.

3) In a case of expressing desire and need (Particle **to** is used):

want, wish, desire, like, would like...

He wanted his students to note the colours of animals.

The inspector would like you to explain everything to him.

4) In a case of expressing an assumption (Particle **to** is used):

expect, suppose, believe, consider, find...

Parents usually expect their children to be obedient.

We believe it to be the best way out of this situation.

5) In a case of expressing knowledge, awareness, approval (Particle **to** is used):

know, think, state, note, report...

People knew him to be a great sculptor.

She thought him to be a qualified specialist.

6) In a case of expressing order, permission, forbiddance, request (Particle **to** is used):

order, allow, forbid...

He ordered him to stop this conversation.

Basically, this is complete information regarding a complex object in English. There is one more nuance. This language is characterized by the use of a complex object with the past participle (Participle II). In such a construction, it is indicated that it is not the subject himself who performs the action, but someone else does it for him. It looks like this:

to have one's hair cut

to have one's eyes tested

to have one's watch repaired

TEST

1) I saw her ... into the building.

- a) to come
- b) coming
- c) come

2) I believed you ... three mobile phones.

- a) to have
- b) having
- c) have

3) He made me ... the window.

- a) to close
- b) closing
- c) close

4) I saw them ... in the park.

- a) to play
- b) playing
- c) play

5) She believes Mark ... a good businessman.

- a) to be
- b) being
- c) be

6) I saw you ... in the park. Everybody liked it!

- a) to dance
- b) to dancing
- c) dance

7) Mr. Smith saw his friends ... the classroom.

- a) to leave
- b) leaving
- c) leave

8) His mum wants him ... his homework.

- a) to do
- b) doing
- c) do

9) Shh! I hear someone

- a) to cry
- b) crying
- c) cry

10) He can't make me ... this!

- a) to do
- b) doing
- c) do

11) I like him ... this task so well.

- a) to do
- b) doing
- c) do

12) His mum allowed him ... home late tonight.

- a) to come
- b) coming
- c) come

13) Mr. Brown would like his son ... a surgeon.

- a) to become
- b) becoming
- c) become

14) I want my son ... more languages.

- a) to learn
- b) learning
- c) learn

15) Don't let him ... you.

- a) to fool
- b) fooling
- c) fool

16) I expect the weather ... good today.

- a) to be
- b) being
- c) be

17) I felt someone ... me on the shoulder.

- a) to touch
- b) touching
- c) touch

18) I heard her ... a famous English song.

- a) to sing
- b) singing
- c) sung

19) I know her ... a good student.

- a) to be
- b) being
- c) be

20) Rainy weather makes me ... bad.

- a) to feel
- b) feeling
- c) feel