



STRUCTURES

THE MOST USED



1. TO GET (SOMEONE) TO + Verb (*Persuade or convince someone to do something*)

- **Example:** *She got her brother to help with the project.*
- **Example:** *How can I get him to apologize?*

2. TO STOP (SOMEONE) FROM + Verb(ing) (*Prevent someone from doing something*)

- **Example:** *The rain stopped us from going to the park.*
- **Example:** *They stopped him from making a big mistake.*

3. TO MAKE SOMEONE + Verb (*Force or cause someone to do something*)

- **Example:** *His joke made everyone laugh.*
- **Example:** *The teacher made us rewrite the essay.*

4. TO HAVE SOMEONE + Verb (*Request or arrange for someone to do something*)

- **Example:** *I had my assistant send the email.*
- **Example:** *She had the plumber fix the leak.*

5. TO LET SOMEONE + Verb (*Allow someone to do something*)

- **Example:** *My parents let me stay out late last night.*
- **Example:** *Will you let me explain?*

6. TO BE USED TO + Verb(ing)/Noun (*Be familiar with something or comfortable doing it*)

- **Example:** *I'm used to waking up early.*
- **Example:** *She's used to the cold weather.*

7. TO HAVE A HARD TIME + Verb(ing) (*Struggle with something*)

- **Example:** *He has a hard time understanding accents.*
 - **Example:** *I had a hard time finding the restaurant.*
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8. TO KEEP + Verb(ing) (*Continue doing something repeatedly*)

- **Example:** *He keeps asking me the same question.*
 - **Example:** *I keep forgetting my keys!*
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9. TO BE ABOUT TO + Verb (*Be on the verge of doing something soon*)

- **Example:** *I was about to call you when you texted me!*
 - **Example:** *She's about to leave for work.*
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10. TO LOOK FORWARD TO + Verb(ing)/Noun (*Be excited about something in the future*)

- **Example:** *I'm looking forward to meeting you.*
 - **Example:** *She's looking forward to the weekend.*
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11. TO END UP + Verb(ing) (*Eventually do something, often unexpectedly*)

- **Example:** *We ended up staying at home instead of going out.*
 - **Example:** *She ended up getting the job after all.*
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12. TO BE WORTH + Verb(ing) (*Something is valuable or beneficial to do*)

- **Example:** *This book is worth reading.*
 - **Example:** *Is it worth visiting that museum?*
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13. TO WOULD RATHER + Verb (than ...) (*Preference between two options*)

- **Example:** *I would rather stay home than go to the party.*
 - **Example:** *He'd rather walk than take the bus.*
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14. TO CAN'T HELP + Verb(ing) (*Be unable to stop doing something*)

- **Example:** *I can't help laughing at his jokes.*
 - **Example:** *She couldn't help crying during the movie.*
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15. TO BE SUPPOSED TO + Verb (*Expectation or obligation to do something*)

- **Example:** *You're supposed to finish your homework before playing games.*
 - **Example:** *Isn't she supposed to call me back?*
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16. TO BE LIKELY TO + Verb (*Something will probably happen*)

- **Example:** *She's likely to win the competition.*
 - **Example:** *It's likely to rain tomorrow.*
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17. TO BE USED FOR + Verb(ing)/Noun (*Explain the purpose of something*)

- **Example:** *A hammer is used for driving nails into wood.*
 - **Example:** *This tool is used for cutting paper.*
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18. TO HAVE SOMETHING DONE (Passive Causative) (*Arrange for something to be done by someone else*)

- **Example:** *I had my car fixed yesterday.*
 - **Example:** *She will have her hair cut tomorrow.*
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19. TO FIND IT + Adjective + TO + Verb (*Describe an opinion or difficulty*)

- **Example:** *I find it hard to wake up early.*
 - **Example:** *She finds it easy to learn new languages.*
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20. TO SPEND TIME + Verb(ing) (*Talk about time used doing something*)

- **Example:** *He spends hours watching YouTube videos.*
 - **Example:** *We spent the weekend relaxing at the beach.*
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21. TO BE ON THE VERGE OF + Verb(ing) (*About to do something very soon*)

- **Example:** *She was on the verge of crying when she got the bad news.*
 - **Example:** *I'm on the verge of making a big decision.*
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22. WOULD RATHER + Subject + Past Simple (*Express a preference for what someone else does*)

- **Example:** *I'd rather you stayed home tonight.*
 - **Example:** *She would rather he didn't talk about that topic.*
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23. IT TAKES + (Time) + TO + Verb (*How long something takes to do*)

- **Example:** *It takes 20 minutes to get to work.*
 - **Example:** *It took me hours to understand the lesson.*
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24. THERE'S NO POINT IN + Verb(ing) (*Something is useless or not worth doing*)

- **Example:** *There's no point in arguing about it.*
 - **Example:** *There's no point in worrying too much.*
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25. AS SOON AS + Subject + Verb (*Something happens immediately after something else*)

- **Example:** *Call me as soon as you arrive.*
 - **Example:** *She left as soon as the meeting ended.*
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26. IN THE MIDDLE OF + Verb(ing) (*Be busy doing something at the moment*)

- **Example:** *I was in the middle of cooking when you called.*
 - **Example:** *She's in the middle of writing a report.*
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27. TO BE BETTER OFF + Verb(ing) (*It's preferable to do something*)

- **Example:** *You'd be better off studying for the exam instead of watching TV.*
 - **Example:** *We're better off taking a taxi than walking in the rain.*
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28. TO BE BOUND TO + Verb (*Something is certain to happen*)

- **Example:** *She's bound to succeed with all that talent.*
 - **Example:** *It was bound to happen sooner or later.*
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29. CANNOT AFFORD TO + Verb (*Not have enough money or resources for something*)

- **Example:** *I can't afford to buy a new car right now.*
 - **Example:** *We can't afford to lose more time.*
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30. THE MORE + (sentence), THE MORE + (sentence) (*How one thing increases as another increases*)

- **Example:** *The more you practice, the more you improve.*
 - **Example:** *The more he eats, the more he enjoys it!*
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31. TO BE MEANT TO + Verb (*Something is intended or expected to happen*)

- **Example:** *This book is meant to help beginners learn English.*
 - **Example:** *We were meant to meet at 3 PM, but he was late.*
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32. TO CAN'T STAND + Verb(ing) (*Strong dislike for something*)

- **Example:** *I can't stand waiting in long lines.*
 - **Example:** *She can't stand people who are always late.*
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33. TO BE WORTH IT (*Something has value or is beneficial*)

- **Example:** *The trip was expensive, but it was worth it.*
 - **Example:** *Learning a new language takes time, but it's worth it.*
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34. TO BE (JUST) ABOUT TO + Verb (*Something is going to happen very soon*)

- **Example:** *I'm just about to leave. Do you need anything?*
 - **Example:** *She was about to call you when you arrived.*
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35. TO FIND IT DIFFICULT/EASY + TO + Verb (*Describe an opinion about an action*)

- **Example:** *I find it difficult to concentrate in noisy places.*
 - **Example:** *She finds it easy to make new friends.*
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36. TO BE LIKELY/UNLIKELY TO + Verb (*Express probability of something happening*)

- **Example:** *It's likely to rain tomorrow.*
 - **Example:** *She's unlikely to change her mind.*
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37. AS IF + Subject + Verb (*Describe a situation that appears a certain way*)

- **Example:** *He looks as if he hasn't slept in days.*
 - **Example:** *She acted as if nothing had happened.*
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40. TO KEEP IN MIND THAT + Subject + Verb (*Remind someone of an important fact*)

- **Example:** *Keep in mind that the deadline is next Monday.*
 - **Example:** *You should keep in mind that learning a language takes time.*
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