

clean; cleaner Please, clean your room before dinner.		[kli:n] ['kli:ər]
illness She caught an illness and had to stay home from school.		['ɪlnəs]
ill He felt ill after eating too much candy.		[ɪl]
the, the The cleaner made the house sparkle.		[ðə , ði:]
butcher The butcher sells fresh meat.		['bʊtʃər]
drink-drank-drunk; a drunk I drank a glass of water to quench my thirst.		[drɪŋk - dræŋk - drʌŋk]
leader The leader guided the team to victory.		['li:dər]
minute; minute Wait a minute, I'll be right back.		['mɪnɪt] [maɪ'nu:t]
serious; seriously It's serious; we need to address it immediately.		['sɪriəs] ['sɪriəsli]
uncle My uncle lives in the countryside.		['ʌŋkəl]
enemy He's the enemy, we can't trust him.		['enəmi]
number = No. = no. The number of students in the class is twenty.		['nʌmbər]
yes; yep Yes, I'd like some more tea, please.		[jes] [jep]
fee There is a fee for using the gym.		[fi:]
look; look forward to; look for; look after Look at the beautiful view. I look forward to seeing you.		[lʊk] ['fɔ:rwərd, fɔ:r, 'æftər]

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 ε=e (red)



OTHER PHRASES AND IDIOMS

His days are numbered.	
for good or ill	
New broom sweeps clean.	
the minutes (of the meeting)	
I don't want make enemies.	
Are you serious right now?	

torch, flashlight (US) The torch helped us find our way in the dark.		[tɔ:rtʃ] ['flæʃlaɪt]
Monday Let's meet on Monday for coffee.		['mʌndeɪ / 'mʌndi]
you Have you done your homework yet?		[/ju: / /jə / /jʊ /]
every I drink water every day to stay hydrated.		['evri]
financial They had financial problems after losing their jobs.		[faɪ 'nænfəl or fə 'nænfəl]
make-made-made She made a cake for her friend's birthday.		[meɪk - meɪd - meɪd]
star The star shines brightly in the night sky.		[stɑ: r]
thin; thinner She's so thin after going on a diet.		[θɪn] ['θɪnə]
balcony The balcony overlooks the garden.		['bælkəni]
development; develop The city is undergoing rapid development.		[dɪ 'veləpmənt] [dɪ 'veləp]
a.m. (ante meridiem) The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m..		[eɪ em]
chicken We're having roasted chicken for dinner tonight.		['tʃɪkɪn]
frost; frosty Be careful on the road, it's frosty this morning.		[fra: st] ['fra: .sti]
open; opening The store is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.		['oʊpən] ['oʊpənɪŋ]
refreshment(s) Let's have refreshments after the meeting.		[rɪ 'freʃmənt]

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No doubt.	
Take care.	
personal items	
happy medium	
in my humble opinion IMHO	
I don't care.	

SILENT LETTERS

['saɪlənt 'leɪtərz]



-these letters remain silent, you do not pronounce them

1. SILENT B

bomb, climb, comb, debt, doubt, tomb, womb

[bɒ:m, klaɪm, kɒm, det, daʊt, tu:m, wu:m]

2. SILENT L

salmon, balm, calm, calf, half, yolk, palm, almond, would, should, could, chalk, talk, walk, folk

['sæmən, bɑ:m, kɑ:m, kæf, hæf, ʃɒk, pɑ:m, 'ɑ:mənd, wʊd, ʃʊd, kʊd, tʃɔ:k, tɔ:k, wɔ:k, fɒk]

3. SILENT G

foreign, sign, gnat, design, campaign, reign, resign, benign

['fɔ:rən, saɪn, næt, di'zain, kæm'peɪn, reɪn, ri'zain, bi'nain]

4. SILENT W

write, wrap, wrestle, wreath, wrong, two, whole, who, whom, whose, sword, towards, wrist, answer

[raɪt, ræp, 'resəl, ri:θ, rɔ:ŋ, tu:, hoʊl, hu:, hu:m, hu:z, sɔ:rd, tə'wɔ:rdz, rɪst, 'ænsər]

5. SILENT H

heir, honor, hour, ghost, what, where, why, white, rhythm, while, when, which, chaos, echo

[eɪ, 'ɑ:nər, 'aʊər, ɡoʊst, wɑ:t, wɛr, waɪ, waɪt, 'rɪðəm, waɪl, wɛn, waɪf, 'keɪɔ:s, 'ekəʊ]

6. SILENT P

psycho(pat), psychologist, receipt, pseudo, psalm, pterodactyl, cupboard, pneumonia, raspberry

['saɪkəʊ(pæt), saɪ'kɒlədʒɪst, ri'si:t, 'su:doʊ, sɑ:m, 'terə'dæktəl, 'kʌbəd, nu:'moʊnjə, 'ræz,bəri]

7. SILENT N

autumn, column, condemn, damn, hymn

['ɔ:təm, 'kɔ:ləm, kən'dem, dæm, hɪm]

8. SILENT CH

yacht

[jɑ:t]

9. SILENT T

fasten, listen, mortgage, soften, castle, chestnut, ballet, buffet, debut, witch, often, match

['fæsən, 'lɪsən, 'mɔ:rgɪdʒ, 'sɔ:fən, 'kæsəl, 'tʃɛsnʌt, bæ'leɪ, bə'feɪ, dei'bju:, waɪf, 'ɔ:fən, mætʃ]

10. SILENT S

isle, island, debris

[aɪl, 'aɪlənd, də'bri:]

11. SILENT D

handsome, Wednesday, sandwich, handkerchief

['hænsəm, 'wenzdeɪ, 'sæmwɪtʃ, 'hæŋkətʃɪf]

12. SILENT C

scene, scissors, muscle, scent

[sin, 'sɪzərz, 'mʌsəl, sent]

13. SILENT K

knock, knee, kneel, knife, knight, knit, know, knowledge

[nɔ:k, ni:, ni:l, naɪf, naɪt, naɪt, noʊ, 'nɔ:lɪdʒ]

14. SILENT I

business, parliament

['bɪznɪs, 'pɑrləmənt]

-ING OR TO ?

VERBS followed by –ing

enjoy, finish, postpone, admit, avoid, suggest, imagine, consider, deny, risk, fancy, mind, give up, miss, put off, involve, feel like, keep (on), risk, can't stand, can't help, go on, carry on, dislike, practice,

She keeps changing her mind.

I enjoy swimming.

I suggest leaving earlier.



VERBS followed by “to”

afford, offer, demand, pretend, deserve, promise, agree, fail, plan, manage, arrange, forget, refuse, threaten, ask, mean (intend), remember, learn, want, need, try, continue, decide, choose, hope, seem, appear, tend, pretend, claim, help (can be also used without “to”)

She decided to do it.

We can't afford to pay it.

Can you help me to write it? Can you help me write it?

VERB + object + TO

want, ask, help, would like, would prefer, expect, beg, mean (intend), tell, enable, get (persuade), invite, teach, force, warn, order, encourage

She wants me to be there.

She taught me to read.

MORE EXPRESSIONS with “to”

know how/whether/what to

I know how to do that.

explain how/whether/what to

Explain to me what to do.

wonder how/whether/what to....

I was just wondering whether to leave or not.

VERBS followed by –ing or “to”

love, like, hate, dislike, begin, start, continue, bother, intend; advise, recommend, allow (-ing/to+object+to)

I like skating. I like to skate.

They don't allow parking here. They don't allow anyone to park here.

VERBS followed by –ing or infinitive without “to”

feel, notice, see, hear, overhear, watch

I heard some people screaming. I heard someone scream.

PREPOSITIONS are always followed by –ing

Thanks for coming

I look forward to seeing you.

I can't get used to doing it this way. I am not used to working so hard.

I prefer swimming to dancing.

STRUCTURES WITHOUT “TO” or –ING

make sb. do st., have sb. do st., let sb. do st.

Let me help you.

CHANGE IN MEANING

go on, need, remember, try, mean, regret, stop, want, need

Working in the city means leaving home early. I didn't mean to offend you.

I remember locking the door. Please, remember to give it to her.

I need to work harder. This room needs painting.

AFTER ADJECTIVES

possible, impossible, good, similar, accustomed, sensitive, easy, safe, important, difficult, pleasant, happy, comfortable, fun...

It's possible to drive there tomorrow.

It's good to see you.

I am happy to help you.



MORE EXPRESSIONS with -ing

be (not) worth

It's worth trying.

no point

There's no point in/of having a car.

no good

It's no good trying to persuade me.

have difficulty/trouble

I have difficulty reading the text without glasses.

a waste of money/time

It's a waste of time explaining it to him.

be busy

I am busy doing other things.

go swimming, go fishing, go skiing, go climbing, go jogging, go sailing.....

spend

She spends hours reading.

waste

I waste a lot of time helping them.

INVERSION

[ɪnˈvɜːrʒən]



- the word order is inverted
- more typical of formal or literary style

USUAL WORD ORDER

The king stepped on the floor.

INVERSION

On the floor stepped the king.

1. In speech, inversion often comes after *here* and *there* and adverbs like "in, off, up, down, back, round..."

Here comes the queen. And *up went* the rocket.

2. In conditional sentences.

Should you need more info, please call Sarah. (= If you should need....)

Had Peter asked, I would have answered. (= If Peter had asked.....)

Was he to arrange it, I would appreciate it. (If he was to arrange it...)

3. Comparisons with "as, than"

I believed, *as did* my friends, that he would come.

These people work harder *than do* their neighbors.

4. After adverbial phrases of direction and place

Above the fireplace was a picture of my grandpa.

He read three books. *Inside one of them* was a secret note.

5. Usually after certain verbs of place and movement (sit, stand, lie, run, fly, go, hang, climb, come). The inversion doesn't occur with pronouns (~~*In an armchair sat she*~~).

In an armchair sat his mom.

6. After negative adverbials

never (before), seldom, rarely, barely, hardly, scarcely, no sooner...than, not until, little, only (only by chance, only with, only if, only after, only once...), preposition + no (at no time, on no account...)

Little do they know about her.

7. so + adjective....that+ such + bethat; neither.../none.....

So nice was her dog, that....

....neither could he see.

8. Direct speech

If the quotation precedes the reporting verb: "I'm so sorry," Peggy said / *said Peggy*. There is often inversion, if the subject is longer: "Good afternoon, gentlemen," *said the man* with the black hat.