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Infinitive and verb + -ing

INFINITIVES are used:

- **To express purpose**

The purpose / the aim of this meeting is to introduce.....

- **After adjectives**

Students were happy to hear that they have passed the exam.

- **After TOO & ENOUGH**

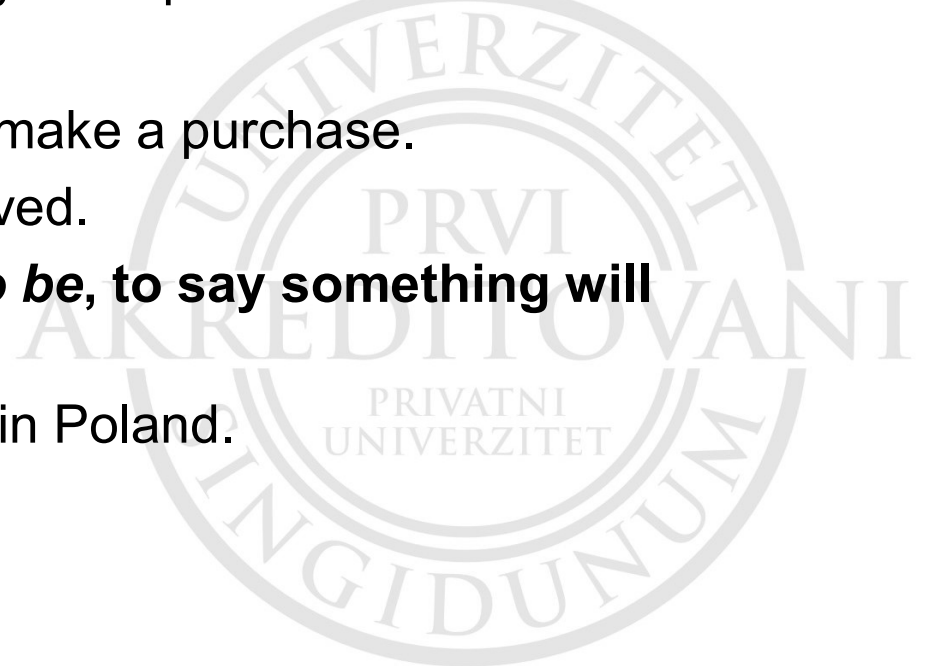
The price is not low enough for us to make a purchase.

The problem is too complex to be solved.

- **In a formal way, after the verb *to be*, to say something will happen in the future**

Our company is to open a subsidiary in Poland.

- **After certain verbs** (page 80)



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THE VERB + -ING form is used:

- **The gerund (-ing form) must be used when a verb comes after a preposition:-**

AGAINST | AT | AFTER | BY | ON | INSTEAD OF | TALK ABOUT |
TIRED OF | WITHOUT

For example:

- I am against smoking in public places.
- She is good at speaking English.
- I went home after leaving the party.
- You can improve your English by using the Internet.
- We need to keep on going.



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- You should tell the truth instead of lying all the time.
- We can talk about going home.
- I'm tired of hearing excuses.
- You can't learn English without making mistakes.

2. As a subject or object of a sentence

- **Smoking** costs a lot of money.
- I don't like **writing**.
- My favourite occupation is **reading**.

3. After certain verb (page 81)



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4. After *while*, *after*, *before* and *when*

- I will call you *after* arriving at the office.
- Please have a drink *before* leaving.
- *When suggesting* new measures to be taken be careful about the way you introduce them.
- *While ordering* a taxi, I dropped my wallet down a grid.

Source Guy Brook-Hart, *Business Benchmark, Student's Book*
Ian Wood, *PASS Cambridge BEC Higher Workbook*

