

The Infinitive: Following Adjectives and Past Participles

FORM:

ADJECTIVE OR PAST PARTICIPLE + INFINITIVE

USE:

This structure first tells us about the quality of a person or persons in one situation, and then tells us what the situation is, was or will be.

EXAMPLES:

My wife will be thrilled to learn that I've won the lottery.

The students were fascinated to hear about her trip up the Amazon.

We were sad to see our old friends leave.

Complete the sentences by adding an appropriate ADJECTIVE or PAST PARTICIPLE.

1. Everybody was _____ to get a raise.
2. It was _____ to watch the plane take off.
3. Marianna was _____ to hear that her parents were coming to visit.
4. Jeff will be _____ to hear that you can't come to supper.
5. John and Cynthia are _____ to bring their new baby girl home.

Complete the sentences with an INFINITIVE.

1. Shari is reluctant _____ her friends the bad news.
2. She's right. Her friends won't be pleased _____ her news.
3. After skiing all day, we were too tired _____ out for supper.
4. During the heat wave, it was even too hot _____ to the beach.
5. We think her fiancé will be thrilled _____ her in Paris.
6. He will be happy _____ those heavy bags for you.

Intermediate 2 – Exercise 25 – The Infinitive: Following Adjectives and Past Participles

Complete the sentences with (1) a full INFINITIVE and (2) any other necessary words. E.g. Everyone was sorry to hear the bad news.

1. Ms. Wilson was pleased _____
2. The bride is anxious _____
3. All of the members were satisfied _____
4. You were very fortunate _____
5. His parents were ashamed _____
6. Don and Dorothy will be ready _____
7. Everyone was disappointed _____
8. Bill Anderson was very lucky _____
9. In my opinion, that man is unfit _____
10. That fellow was very happy _____
11. Yes, I am fully prepared _____
12. Your friends were considerate enough _____
13. Professor Moore is certainly qualified _____
14. I think you will be surprised _____
15. He didn't expect _____

Complete the sentences with an ADJECTIVE or PAST PARTICIPLE + AN INFINITIVE.

1. I got lost because it was _____ the traffic signs in the rain.
2. Jason is _____ his mother-in-law again.
3. The small construction firm is _____ the big contract.
4. Deborah is very _____ her new computer.
5. The Greeks were _____ that Athens was chosen to host the 2004 Olympics.