

Preliminary Grammar Builder- Infinitive clauses

1 Write the words in the correct order to make sentences. Start with the underlined word(s).

0 an email to Daniella the Internet café went send to

Daniella went to the Internet café to send an email

1 the first man on the moon walk to Neil Armstrong was

2 to university to chemistry my brother went study

3 not a mess to I make promise

4 the third person to Harry is this morning phone me

2 Choose the correct words in *italics*. In two places, both answers are possible.

- 1 A We're going to sky trip Tours (0) *for booking* / *to book* our next holiday.
 B Really? Why are you going there?
 A It's the only travel company (1) *to charge not* / *not to charge* for children under sixteen.
- 2 A I've put lemon juice round my plants (2) *for* / *to* stop the cats digging them up.
 B Does it work?
 A I'm not really sure, (3) *telling* / *to tell* the truth.
- 3 A Are you applying for university?
 B Yes. I'm trying to get a place (4) *to study* / *that studies* economics.
 A Good for you. It's so important (5) *that people* / *for people to* get a good education.
- 4 A I'm looking for something (6) *to give* / *for giving* to my cousin for his birthday. I've heard there's a good video game called 'Space Warriors' – do you have that?
 B I'm not sure. You're the first person (7) *that's asked* / *to ask* me for that one. I'll just check on the computer. No, we're out of stock at the moment. I could order it for you.
 A Oh, how long would that take?
 B I don't really know, (8) *that I'm* / *to be* honest.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Find six more mistakes in the conversation and correct them.

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Bella Sure. Who's Marco Polo?

Angela He was one of the first Europeans visiting the Far East. He wrote a book about his adventures in 1298.

Bella I think I've heard about that. It was the first book ~~for~~ **to** describe China and Kublai Khan, wasn't it?

Angela Yes. I'm writing an essay on him for my course. It's really important because I need to get a good grade for the essay in order ~~for~~ **to** pass the course. I don't want to be the only person in my year ~~to~~ **not** pass!

Bella Well, it sounds like a fascinating subject, anyway. It's my ambition ~~to~~ **visit** China one day.

Angela I'd love to do that, too. Listen. Do you want to go ~~for~~ **for** a coffee later?

Bella I'm not sure. I'm supposed to be meeting Helena.

Angela That's OK. I'd be happy ~~her~~ **to** join us.

ANSWERS

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5 that people/for people to

6 to give

7 that's asked/to ask

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