

# The English Verb

Lengua Inglesa III

**TO + ING**

Verbs followed by the preposition TO

# Examples

*look forward to*

*Be used to*

*Admit*

*with regard to*

*Applied...to*

*take to*

*Be closed to*

# To look forward to

## 1. + Prep. Phrase (to)

[noun nucleus]

- I am looking forward to the holidays

## 2. + Prep. Phrase (to)

[gerund nucleus]

- I'm looking forward **to hearing** from you soon
- I'm looking forward **to travelling** to London

# To be used to

## **1. Prep. Phrase (to)** **[noun nucleus]**

- She is not used to Spanish timetable

## **2. Prep. Phrase (to)** **[gerund nucleus]**

- Mike is not used to **leaving** tips in restaurants

# To be closed to

## 1. Prep. Phrase (to) [noun nucleus]

- She is closed to new ideas

## 2. Prep. Phrase (to) [gerund nucleus]

- Mike is not closed **to admitting** new members into the group.

# To take to

## **1. Direct Object + Prep. Phrase (to)** **[noun nucleus]**

- The corridor takes you to the secretary

## **2. Direct Object + Time Adverbial + Prep. Phrase (to)** **+ Infinitive**

- It took me ten minutes to finish the exercise

## **3. Prep. Phrase (to) [ Gerund nucleus] (habit)**

- Sara took to smoking when she was 13

# To apply

## 1. Prep. Phrase (for) [noun nucleus]

- She applied for the job

## 2. Prep. Phrase (to) [noun nucleus]

- This norm doesn't apply to you
  - Apply to this address

## 3. Direct Object + Prep. Phrase (to) [noun/gerund nucleus]

- Mike applied his skills to work
- She applies her art **to designing** ads.

## 4. Substantive subordinate

- She applies what she knows in her daily routine

# To admit

## 1. Direct Object

- He admitted his fault

## 2. Direct Object + Prep. Phrase (to/into) [noun nucl.]

- She admitted them into the class
- They were admitted to the event
- The children were admitted into the bar

## 3. Prep. Phrase (to) [gerund nucleus]

- Mike admitted to being tired

## 4. + Gerund subord.

- Mike admitted being tired

## 3. + that + subordinate sentence

- Helen admitted that she had a serious illness



# With Regard to (preposition)

## 1. Connector [preposition- noun nucleus]

- With regard to your proposition, you have been accepted.

## 2. Connector [preposition- gerund nucleus]

- With regard to eating, I think we can prepare a barbecue

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