



Bawa Innovations
English Class

Lessons 11-20
Basic English

I used to + (verb)

'Used to' expresses something that was done in the past, and is not usually done now. Here are some examples:

"I used to develop websites."

"I used to jog every day."

"I used to paint."

"I used to smoke."

"I used to work from home."

"I used to live in California."

"I used to go to the beach every day."

"I used to sing in a choir."

"I used to like vegetables."

"I used to start work at 6 o'clock."

I have to + (verb)

The words 'have to' describe something that needs to take place soon. It expresses certainty, necessity, or obligation.

Here are some examples:

"I have to switch schools."

"I have to use the telephone."

"I have to go to the bathroom."

"I have to leave."

"I have to unpack my bags."

You can also add the word 'don't' to suggest that someone is not required to do something.

"I don't have to switch schools."

"I don't have to use the telephone."

"I don't have to go to the bathroom."

"I don't have to leave."

"I don't have to unpack my bags."

I wanna + (verb)

The word 'wanna' is incorrect grammatically. It is equivalent to 'want to.' When combined with the word 'I' it helps communicate something you want to do.

Here are some examples:

"I wanna talk."

"I wanna search for a job."

"I wanna order some food."

"I wanna marry her."

"I wanna listen to that song."

By adding the word 'don't' you can change the meaning of what you are saying to something you 'want' to do to something you 'do not' want to do.

Here are some examples:

"I don't wanna talk."

"I don't wanna search for a job."

"I don't wanna marry her."

"I don't wanna listen to that song."

"I don't wanna order some food."

I gotta + (verb)

'I gotta' is grammatically incorrect. It is more of a spoken form. If you want to say this with proper grammar, the equivalent would be, 'I have got to' or 'I've got to'. In the spoken form, 'got to' is shortened to 'gotta' and the word 'have' is dropped.

Here are some examples:

"I gotta manage my money."

"I gotta obey the laws."

"I gotta move to a bigger house."

"I gotta impress my boss."

"I gotta brush my teeth."

By adding the word 'have' you can change what you are saying to express something that needs to be done in the near future.

Here are some examples:

"I have got to be on time to work."

"I've gotta try harder at school."

"I've gotta tell my wife I'll be late."

"I've gotta learn more about the laws."

"I've gotta clean my house today."

I would like to + (verb)

This sentence lets someone know what you would be interested in doing. This can be a physical, mental or verbal action.

Here are some examples:

"I would like to answer that question."

"I would like to compete in a cooking contest."

"I would like to explain myself."

"I would like to invite you over."

"I would like to practice."

"I would like to become a doctor."

"I would like to see you more often."

"I would like to thank you."

"I would like to learn about animals."

"I would like to meet the President."

I plan to + (verb)

'Plan to' describes something that you would like to do in the near future. Here are some examples:

"I plan to find a new apartment."

"I plan to relax on vacation."

"I plan to surprise my parents."

"I plan to wash my car."

"I plan to adopt a child."

"I plan to impress my boss."

"I plan to watch a movie."

"I plan to save more money."

"I plan to read a book."

"I plan to learn new things."

I've decided to + (verb)

'I've' is short for 'I have' and including the word 'decided' you are stating that you have made a decision or come to a conclusion.

Here are some examples:

"I've decided to accept the job."

"I've decided to complete my degree."

"I've decided to change my bad habits."

"I've decided to extend my membership at the gym."

"I've decided to form a chess club."

"I've decided to hand over my
responsibilities."

"I've decided to help you move."

"I've decided to interview for the job."

"I've decided to increase my work load."

"I've decided to manage a store."

I was about to + (verb)

When stating 'I was about to' you are informing someone that you are going to be do something at that moment or in the very near future.

Here are some examples:

"I was about to go out."

"I was about to go to dinner."

"I was about to go to bed."

"I was about to go to work."

"I was about to say the same thing."

"I was about to call you."

"I was about to send you an email."

"I was about to mow my grass."

"I was about to order us some drinks."

"I was about to watch television."

I didn't mean to + (verb)

The word 'didn't' is a contraction of the words 'did not'. When using it in a sentence with the words 'mean to' you are informing someone that you did something you regret or are sorry for. This could have been a physical, mental or verbal action.

Here are some examples:

"I didn't mean to hurt your feelings."

"I didn't mean to call you so late."

"I didn't mean to lie about what happened."

"I didn't mean to embarrass you."

"I didn't mean to stay out so late."

"I did not mean to say those things."

"I did not mean to leave you out."

"I did not mean to make you confused."

"I did not mean to think you were
involved."

"I did not mean to cause trouble."

I don't have time to + (verb)

The word 'don't' is a contraction of the words 'do not.' When adding 'have time to' you are simply stating that you have other obligations and all other things considered must wait.

Here are some examples:

"I don't have time to explain."

"I don't have time to eat."

"I don't have time to exercise."

"I don't have time to watch my favorite TV show."

"I don't have time to talk."

You can also use the phrase 'I don't' to express things you do not like, things you do not understand, or things you do not do.

Here are some examples:

"I don't eat meat."

"I don't like the rain."

"I don't understand Spanish."

"I do not understand what you are saying."

"I do not like scary movies."

"I do not like sports."