

b. As a complement to certain verbs :

(1) As in English after :

apercevoir,	perceive.
devoir,	must, should.
écouter,	hear (listen).
entendre,	hear.
faire,	make (have).
falloir,	must.
laisser,	let.
oser,	dare.
pouvoir,	can.
regarder,	watch (look at).
voir,	see.
vouloir,	will, wish.

(For the most part model auxiliaries.)

(2) After verbs of motion :

accourir,	hasten.
aller,	go.
courir,	run.
descendre,	descend.
envoyer,	send.
mener,	lead.
rentrer,	re-enter.
retourner,	return.
revenir,	come back.
venir,	come.

But: venir de, to have just ;
venir à, to happen to.

(3) After :

avouer,	confess.
croire,	think, believe.
daigner,	deign.
désirer (or de),	desire.
espérer (or de),	hope.
s'imaginer	imagine.
paraître,	seem.
préférer,	prefer.
prétendre,	intend, pretend.
se rappeler	} recollect.
(or de)	
reconnaître,	acknowledge.
sembler,	seem.
savoir,	know how to.
souhaiter	wish.

NOTE 1.—*aimer mieux*, to prefer, *valoir mieux*, to be better, take the bare infinitive when one infinitive follows, but after *que* they usually take *de* with a second infinitive :Il aime mieux rester ici que d'aller là. *He prefers staying here to going there.*NOTE 2.—*Penser* in the sense of *intend* takes the bare infinitive ; meaning to meditate on, *penser* takes à :

Il pense partir à cinq heures.

Il pense à partir.

c. In appositions of the nature of the following :—

Naître, souffrir, mourir : Voilà notre histoire en trois mots.

d. In vague commands, as in foot-notes, advertisements, instead of the Imperative :

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2. THE INFINITIVE WITH À.

241. a. The primary meaning of *à* is *direction towards*. Hence verbs that denote *Striving or Tendency* will be followed by *à* before the infinitive, to denote the object, purpose, destination of the action.

s'abaisser,	stoop.	consentir,	consent.	exciter,	excite.
s'accorder,	agree.	conspirer,	conspire.	se fatiguer.	weary o.s.
aider,	aid.	contribuer,	contribute.	instruire,	instruct.
s'appliquer	apply o.s.	convier,	invite.	inviter,	invite.
apprendre,	learn.	se déterminer,	rescue.	mettre,	put.
s'appréter,	prepare o.s.	employer,	employ.	se mettre,	begin.
s'attendre,	expect.	encourager,	encourage.	montrer,	show.
avoir,	have.	engager,	induce.	persévérer,	persevere.
avoir peine,	have difficulty.	enseigner,	teach.	pousser,	urge.
chercher,	seek.	essayer (or de) try,	endeavor.	réussir,	succeed.
concourir,	co-operate.			servir,	serve.

Also after : *aimer*, like ; *coûter*, cost ; *se divertir*, amuse o.s. ; *s'entendre*, be expert ; *haïr*, hate ; *se plaire*, delight ; *s'obstiner*, persist ; *prendre plaisir*, take pleasure ; *tarder*, tarry.Je ne m'abaisserai point à me justifier.
I shall not stoop to justify myself.Aidez-le à descendre.
Help him down.NOTE.—*Être*, not used impersonally, usually takes *à*.Je suis à écrire.
I am writing (familiar).C'est facile à faire.
That is easy to do.