

Examples of infinitives

ἄρ' ἂν τί μοι χάρισαι τοιόνδε, μή μου καταγελᾶν, ἔαν μόγις μανθάνω τὰ λεγόμενα
καὶ πολλάκις ἀνερωτῶ;

*Would you do me a little favour, and not laugh at me if I can barely understand what you've
said and ask lots of questions?*

Plato Hippias Minor 364d

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Wise men take care not to stir up arguments with their friends.

Euripides Andromache 643-4

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τοῖς γελῶσι δ' ἡδέως διὰ τὸν γέλων κρίνειν ἐμέ·

I've got a small favour to ask the judges:

Let the wise ones judge me remembering my wisdom,

Let those laughing judge me through their laughter

Aristophanes Ecclesiazusae 1144-5