

# PUT

## SOMEONE TO SOMETHING SOMETHING TO SOMEONE

### PUT SOMEONE TO SOMETHING

to cause someone to experience something

Note: Used to describe negative emotions or events.

### PUT SOMEONE TO SHAME

to make someone or something seem bad or less impressive by comparison

- They're so efficient they put us to shame.
- Your generosity puts me to shame.

### PUT SOMEONE TO DEATH [formal]

If someone is put to death, they are executed.

- Those put to death by firing squad included three generals

### PUT SOMEBODY TO

### TROUBLE/INCONVENIENCE

to make extra work or cause problems for someone

- I hope we're not putting you to too much trouble.

### PUT SOMEONE/SOMETHING TO THE TEST

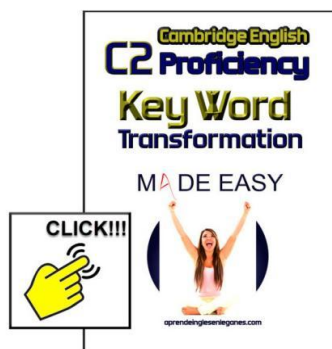
to test how good someone or something is, esp. in difficult conditions:

- Those icy roads certainly put my driving to the test.

### PUT SOMEONE/SOMETHING TO (GOOD) USE

to use something that you have for a sensible purpose that brings a benefit to you

- Do you promise to put the money to good use?



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### PUT SOMETHING TO SOMEONE

to suggest an idea or plan to someone and invite them to consider it.

- I put the resolution to the meeting.
- I'd like to put something to you. What do you think about the possibility of hosting the conference in Paris next year?
- When Dave put his plan to me, I thought he was crazy.
- Your proposal will be put to the board of directors.

### PUT IT TO SOMEONE (THAT) ...

to tell someone your explanation of something:

- I put it to her that their relationship may not have been as good as she thought.
- Let me put it to you this way – you'll fail the test if you don't study.
- I put it to them that were it not for fish and chips, the nation would hardly eat much fish at all.

### PUT A QUESTION/QUESTIONS TO SOMEONE

to ask someone a question

- The suspects answered a series of questions which authorities had put to them.
- The audience is now invited to put questions to the speaker.