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Which one should I use, "explain us" or "explain to us"? The context would be: in tomorrow's meeting, they will explain (to) us how to play. Are there any cases where one is correct and the other option is not? both correct? Thanks 'In tomorrow's meeting, they will explain to us how to play.' (transitive with an indirect object 'us') Tomorrow they will explain the rules. (transitive) Tomorrow they will explain. (intransitive) Hello. I am a little bit confused of using this word "explain" For example.. 1. Let me explain about my family. 2. Let me explain my family What I've know is that The verb "explain" can be both an intransitive verb and a transitive verb. Therefore, how can I figure out which one is better to use? In your example either statement would work, though the first version is probably what you want. To explain about your family would be to explain some details about your family. To explain your family would be to provide reasons for how your family works or how it came to be. Most of the time, people explain some things related to their families, rather than trying to analyze their families as a social unit. Therefore, "Let me explain to you about my family" is probably more common than "Let me explain my family to you". Last edited: Aug 16, 2010 Hello! Are "Let me explain this word" & "Let me explain about this word" both correct? Thanks! Both are grammatical, but have different meanings. You have seen Owlman's explanation above. 'Explain a word' probably means 'give the meaning of a word', whereas 'explain about a word' might include that, but might also include why a word has been used. Do we explain "something to someone" or "explain someone something"? For example "Tom asks Tim to explain the whole situation to Ann because she was confused" or "Explain Tom the situation or explain situation to Tom." We only explain something to someone. Do we explain "something to someone" or "explain someone something"? To explain is a ditransitive verb - it takes two objects (arguments): a direct object and an indirect object. The indirect object is usually preceded by "to" "......I.....explained.....the answer.....to him/Tom" Subject.....verb.....direct object.....indirect object "......I.....explained.....to him/Tom.....how to make a cake" Subject.....verb.....indirect object.....direct object You must log in or register to reply here. 百度知道>提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了>\_