

Infinitives

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What is an Infinitive?

“An infinitive is a verb form, usually preceded by *to*, that can be used as a noun, adjective, or adverb” –English Composition and Grammar Book

In other words....

Infinitives are verbs that can be used as nouns

- Example: *To smile* is to be happy.

*****to smile* is an infinitive because it acts as the subject of the sentence****

Infinitives are verbs that can be used as adjectives

- That is the book *to read*.

*****to read* is an infinitive because it uses a verb to modify or describe the object of the sentence****

Infinitives are verbs that can be used as adverbs

- He ran *to win*.

*****to win* is an infinitive because it modifies or describes a verb****

Infinitives Without The Word “To”

- Some infinitives are not preceded by the word “to”

Example:

- Please let me *help*.

Help is the infinitive of the sentence because it acts as a verb, and modifies the object of the sentence.

(*why is help an infinitive and not a verb? *Let* acts as the verb in the sentence, and therefore help is a verb that is acting as a noun, making it the infinitive.)

Split Infinitives

- Split Infinitives: Any time a word is placed in between the “to” and the verb of an infinitive.

Ex: “**To boldly go** where no one has gone before.”
- Star Trek

Captain James Tiberius Kirk



Find the Infinitive

Label your paper 1- 5 and write the infinitive of each sentence. Then, write if it is acting as a noun, an adverb, or an adjective. Check your answers on the answer key and discuss your answers with a partner.

- To succeed requires determination.
- Judaism is the way to go.
- Students need to learn.
- I'll help you study.
- I am going to see a movie.

Answer Key

- To succeed- noun
- To go- adjective
- To learn- adverb
- Study- adjective
- To See- adverb