

Infinitives

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Definition

- » An **infinitive** is the word “to” plus the base form of a verb.
- » It often functions as a noun, as either a subject or a direct object.
- » It can also function as an adjective or adverb.
- » It is not a preposition.

Formula:

»To + Verb

Infinitive Phrases

- » An **infinitive phrase** is a group of words that includes an infinitive and any other words to complete its meaning.
- » Ex) To fly a plane was her goal.
- » **To fly** is the infinitive (to + verb)
- » **To fly a plane** is the infinitive phrase.

Examples:

- » I wanted to run out the door when the teacher announced a pop quiz.
- » I tried to think of an excuse, but my mind drew a blank and so I was forced to baby-sit for my bratty cousin.

Non-Example

- » I went to the store with my two year old brother, Jake.
- » The above examples are not infinitives. "To the store" is a prepositional phrase. "two" is not "to."

Warm-Up

- » Directions: Write the following sentences. Underline the infinitive phrase. Double underline the infinitive.
- » 1.) To ring the bell was her job.
- » 2.) The instructor asked me to stop the car.
- » 3.) Harry wanted to begin the game on good footing.

Warm-Up

» Directions: Write the following sentences. Underline the infinitive phrase. Double underline the infinitive.

» 1.) Who wants to go to the zoo?

» 2.) We need to train our dog systematically.

» 3.) To keep the lead is difficult.

Warm-Up

- » Directions: Write the following sentences. Underline the infinitive phrase. Double underline the infinitive.
- » 1.) Ever since childhood, to train dolphins was her goal.
- » 2.) To learn about infinitives can be fun.
- » 3.) The man decided to attack the sleeping bear with a squirt gun.

Warm-Up

- » Directions: Create three sentences which contain infinitives or infinitive phrases.
- » Topic- My day as a professional sports player.