

VERBALS: INFINITIVES

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An **INFINITIVE** is a verbal that functions in sentences as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb. The infinitive is formed by the use of the word “to,” followed by the base form of a verb. If the “to” is followed by a noun, pronoun, and any modifiers, then it is a prepositional phrase.

⇒ In these sentences, the “to” is followed by a verb, so it is functioning as an infinitive:

I will have to *choose* between seeing a movie or going to a concert.
They will meet after school to *watch* the football game.

⇒ In this sentence, the “to” is followed by noun (and modifier), so it is functioning as a prepositional phrase, not an infinitive.

We walked all the way to the store in the rain.

**INFINITIVE =
TO + VERB**

INFINITIVES: SECTION ONE

PART A

DIRECTIONS: Circle the INFINITIVE(S) that is(are) being used in the following sentences.

- 1) I know how to fix the wheel on my bicycle.
- 2) We love when we get to dance at prom.
- 3) She was happy she got to sing because it was important to her.
- 4) To take a train ride across the country would be so fun.
- 5) He got to go to her house and jump on the trampoline.
- 6) To disrespect your teacher is not something to be proud of.
- 7) It is so fun to ride all of the rides at the amusement park.
- 8) He went all the way to school, only to find out that it was Saturday.
- 9) In order to win the championship, we are going to need to work really hard.
- 10) How do you know when to use an infinitive?

PART B

DIRECTIONS: Write a verb after each “to” in order to create an infinitive.

- 11) to _____ 12) to _____ 13) to _____ 14) to _____ 15) to _____

INFINITIVES: SECTION THREE

PART A

DIRECTIONS: In the following sentences, indicate whether the “to” phrase is an infinitive phrase or a prepositional phrase. A prepositional phrase is “to” followed by a noun, pronoun, and any modifiers. Write INFINITIVE or PREPOSITIONAL

1) He asked her if she would like him to hold her books.

2) She was exhausted because she was not able to sleep last night.

3) After lunch, they are driving to the lake.

4) Are you going to class?

5) I am going to apply for college at the beginning of the year.

6) I think you should take the shortcut to work today.

7) We should go to the front of the room and take a seat.

8) How are you going to take notes for class?

9) She wants to be a doctor when she gets older.

10) Can you give me directions to the movie theater?

PART B

DIRECTIONS: In the following blanks, write a sentence that uses the word with the given phrase.

11) INFINITIVE with “play”

12) PREPOSITION with “*the* play”

13) INFINITIVE with “store”

14) PREPOSITION with “*the* store”

15) INFINITIVE AND PREPOSITION with “study” and “the library”
