

Lesson 216

Parts of the Sentence - Verbals - Noun Infinitives

An *infinitive* is a **verbal** that is *to* plus a *verb form*. It can be used as a **noun**.

Examples:

to be, to see, to be seen, to be eaten

The *noun infinitive* can be a **subject**, a **direct object**, a **predicate nominative**, an **appositive**, or an **object of a preposition**.

Examples:

To eat is fun. (subject)

I like **to eat**. (direct object)

A fun thing is **to eat**. (predicate nominative)

My hope, **to travel**, never happened. (appositive)

I want nothing but **to save**. (object of preposition)

Instructions: Find the *noun infinitives* in the following sentences and tell if they are used as a **subject**, a **direct object**, a **predicate nominative**, an **appositive**, or an **object of a preposition**.

1. To skate was his only desire.
2. I hope to enjoy retirement.
3. The team's desire is to win.
4. Most people want to marry.

5. Their terrible goal, to kill, failed.