

Lesson 224

Parts of the Sentence - Verbals - Adjective Infinitives

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

Examples:

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

An *infinitive phrase* is made up of an infinitive and any complements (*direct objects*, *predicate nominatives*, **predicate adjectives**, or modifiers) like the *gerund*. An *infinitive phrase* that comes at the beginning of the sentence is always followed by a comma and modifies the **subject** of the sentence.

Instructions: Find the **infinitive phrases** in these sentences and tell what word they modify.

1. Your idea to spend the day together sounds great.
2. Joe is the man to see about the job.
3. We have no reason to doubt your sincerity.
4. This must be the best route to take.
5. Your attitude is the best attitude to have.