

Lesson 232

Parts of the Sentence - Verbals - Adverb Infinitives

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

Examples:

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

Adverb infinitives are used to modify **verbs**. They usually tell *why*.

An *infinitive phrase* is made up of an infinitive and any complements (*direct objects*, *predicate nominatives*, *predicate adjectives*, or modifiers).

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

1. She came to explain the answer.
2. The kids went to see the circus.
3. On the rough road I drove carefully to prevent any damage.
4. I returned a different way to avoid further damage.
5. We stopped at a cafe to eat lunch.