

Lesson 233

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 **predicate adjectives**.

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

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

1. The van is ready to go.

2. You are sure to meet him again.

3. My horse is hard to catch.

4. I am happy to be of service.

5. Joan is likely to change her mind.