

Lesson 234

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*. Adverb infinitives are also used to modify **predicate adjectives**. They may also be compound.

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 actors performed there to entertain and to be seen.
2. The amount of danger was impossible to imagine or to describe.
3. I have come to ask a favor and to seek your help.
4. Are you unable to see or to read the sign?
5. The bucking horse jumped high to throw me and to break my neck.