

Lesson 235

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 inspector came to check the dam for leaks.
2. Fred finally went to work.
3. Paul arrived in New York to study physics and to learn more.
4. Are you old enough to drive?
5. The new soldiers were ready to listen and obey.