

Infinitives

Infinitives are forms of verbs that can be used as a noun, adjective, or adverb.
Usually, infinitives start with “to” before the base verb.

Ex) I want **to win**.

Explanation: “To win” is an infinitive that is used as a *noun*, the idea of winning.

Ex) She is the best player **to win** the game.

Explanation: “To win” acts as an *adjective* that modifies “player”

Ex) We practice diligently **to win** the game.

Explanation: “To win” is *adverbial* because it tells why the action is necessary.

Directions: Circle the main verb. Then, underline the infinitives. If there are no infinitives, don’t underline anything.

1. To travel the world is my lifelong aspiration.
2. Danny desires to become a world-famous chef.
3. The puppy had licked the dirty boots more than twice.
4. The teacher paused to think before giving an answer.
5. The monster inside the closet only sneaks out at dawn.
6. Two best friends agreed to meet at the new restaurant down the street.
7. Sam brought a comic book to read before academy.
8. The kids are doodling on the walls.
9. It is difficult to stay emotionally stable during times of turmoil.
10. Torrey bellowed to express his frustration about the punishment.
11. The documentary was too brutal to watch without adult supervision.
12. Even after hours of contemplating, I did not know what to say.
13. The children were playing in the park all afternoon.

