

Infinitive and infinitive phrases

An infinitive is a verb form that is preceded by the word TO and is used as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb.

TO SLEEP is relaxing.

Every baby needs TO CRAWL.

Her wish is TO SUCCEED.

I have a tendency TO DOZE DURING MOVIES.

TO HIKE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL is the dream of my sister.

We decided TO DRESS FOR THE PARTY.

The committee voted TO APPOINT JENNIFER PRESIDENT.

Using the current vocabulary list:

Voc. 1-5 begin with an infinitive as the subject

1. To acquiesce to the teacher is what a good student will do.

Voc. 6-10 begin with a gerund as the subject

6. Corroborating with the criminals was a bad idea.

Voc. 11-15 begin with a participial phrase that describes the subject

11. Erasing the extraneous marks, the student then handed in the test that was clean.

Voc. 16-20 begin with an adverb clause

16. Because he was irascible, the child was not taken to Disney for fear he would be cranky all day.

Voc. 21-25 put in an adjective clause after some noun in the sentence

21. The scrupulous police officer, who carefully examined the contents of the car, could not find any evidence of drugs.