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# Introduction

## What is an Infinitive ?

An infinitive is the word “**To**” + the **base form of the verb.**

It often functions as noun , a subject or a direct object

Can also function as an adjective or an adverb

## Examples :

To come ; To learn ; To exercise ; To play;

# Ways To Use Infinitives:

## Rule 1:

The Infinitives with or without adjuncts , may be used, like a noun-  
As the subject of a verb; as,

### Examples

To **find** fault is easy.

To **err** is human.

## Rule 2

As the Object of a transitive Verb; as,

### Examples

I do not mean **to read**.

He likes **to play** cards.