

Writing

Infinitives



To learn a language can be interesting.

Hamed wants **to learn** a language.

An infinitive is the 'to' form of a verb, for instance, the infinitive form of 'study' is 'to study'.

Infinitive as Subject

You can use an infinitive as the subject of a sentence:

- **To smoke** is very bad for everyone.

But its gerund form is more natural:

- **Smoking** is very bad for everyone.

Infinitive as Object

We can also use infinitives as an object of a sentence.

- I like **to watch** this movie.
- She wanted **to buy** an Iranian handicraft.