



Infinitive Adverbs

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Exercise 1 – Learning

The **infinitive** is the basic form of verbs. There are two types:

1. **bare infinitive** (I **climb** Mt. Everest.)
2. **to infinitive** (I want **to climb** Mt. Everest.)

This lesson is focused on '**to infinitives**'.

Why do we use Infinitives as Adverbs?

We use infinitive adverbs to provide the following information:

1. *Purpose of an action*: I went to the park **to exercise**.
2. *Reasons for feeling a certain way*: I was surprised **to see her short hair**.
3. *Basis for some judgment*: He was **right to buy land there**.



How do we use 'To Infinitives' as Adverbs?

Like normal adverbs, **infinitive adverbs** modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs. They typically answer the question '**why?**'

Notice that the infinitive phrases are generally at the end of the sentence:

- I went **to exercise**.
- I was surprised **to see her short hair**.
- He was right **to buy land there**.



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the infinitive version of the verb.

1. The players were afraid _____ the game. (lose)
2. The teacher came _____ the test results. (explain)
3. I would like _____ more about your country. (learn)
4. It is exciting _____ such an interesting design. (see)
5. The fireman climbed the ladder _____ the injured woman. (rescue)
6. I have some tasks _____ over the weekend. (finish)
7. Am I old enough _____. (drive)
8. It is difficult _____ a song. (write)



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: go to the supermarket, buy vegetables. → I need to go to the supermarket to buy vegetables.

Content:

1. watch a movie, relax.
2. go to the gym, exercise.
3. study for the exam, get a good grade.
4. buy ingredients, make dinner.
5. talk to my boss, ask for a raise.
6. go to the store, get computer fixed.