

## infinitive

The infinitive form of a verb is the form without any extra ending (the form you will find when you look in a dictionary). Sometimes this is called 'the base form'. So *understand*, *dance* and *stay* are infinitive forms:

*He doesn't **understand**.*

*Let's **dance**.*

*We can't **stay** here.*

The infinitive is often used with *to*:

*It's hard **to understand**.*

*I'm not going **to dance**.*

*We don't want **to stay** here.*

## irregular verb    see **regular** and **irregular verbs**

## modal verb

The following are modal verbs:

*can    could    will    would    shall    should    may    might    must    ought*

These verbs are followed by the infinitive (*can see, should go, must work* etc.).

See Units 21–41.

## negative

The negative form is verb + *not*: *I'm **not**, he did **not** (didn't), they cannot (can't)* etc.

## noun

A noun is a word for somebody or something. In the sentence

*My **friend** plays **tennis** most **weekends**.*

*friend, tennis* and *weekends* are nouns.

A noun can be countable (*friend/banana/weekend*) or uncountable (*tennis/water/electricity*).

A countable noun can be singular (*friend/banana/weekend*) or plural (*friends/bananas/weekends*).

See Units 69–71.

## object    see **subject** and **object**

## participle    see **present participle** and **past participle**

## passive    see **active** and **passive**

## past    see **tense**