

EXERCISE 11 Finding Infinitives

Number your paper 1 to 10. Write the infinitive in each sentence. Then label it *noun*, *adjective*, or *adverb*.

1. Do you know the name of the person to see?
2. Jeff just learned to ski.
3. The best way to go would be Route 62.
4. Your teacher will give you the topic to research.
5. To relax is difficult for some people.
6. The items to sell are on the table.
7. The crossword puzzle is easy to do.
8. Mia is planning to return.
9. Their words were too muffled to understand.
10. The movie to see is showing at the Plaza.

EXERCISE 12 Distinguishing between Infinitives and Prepositional Phrases

Number your paper 1 to 10. Write the underlined words. Then label them *infinitive* or *prepositional phrase*.

1. Now I would like to speak.
2. Should we take the dog to Tennessee with us?
3. That stereo is too expensive to buy.
4. What do you want to say?
5. The oboe is the hardest woodwind to master.
6. Of all brass instruments, the French horn is generally considered the most difficult to play.
7. Let's walk to school today.
8. I need some time to rest.
9. Give that message to Larry.
10. Take this pencil to class with you.

EXERCISE 13 Finding Infinitive Phrases

Write the infinitive phrase in each sentence. Then underline the infinitive. Remember that *to* is sometimes omitted.

Facts and
Figures

1. Europeans were the first people to use wallpaper.
2. Joseph Lister was the first doctor to use antiseptic methods during surgery.
3. Benjamin Franklin went to Paris to enlist French aid for the American Revolution.
4. In colonial days children helped make candles and soap with their families.
5. Henry Ford was the first employer in America to guarantee a minimum daily wage of five dollars.
6. Warren G. Harding was the first president to speak over the radio from the White House.
7. Until 1937, a basketball referee had to toss a jump ball after every basket.
8. To prevent snow blindness, Eskimos have been wearing sunglasses for 2,000 years.
9. Helene Madison was the first woman to swim 100 yards in one minute.
10. In Baltimore it is a crime to mistreat an oyster.

EXERCISE 14 Finding Infinitive Phrases

Number your paper 1 to 10. Write the infinitive phrase in each sentence. Then label it *noun*, *adjective*, or *adverb*.

1. My plan is to work every other weekend.
2. We left early to catch the bus.
3. People begin to shrink after the age of thirty.
4. Ralph is eager to know his grade on the test.
5. To be on time won't be easy.
6. Dad promised to take us to the rodeo in Salinas.
7. To become a lawyer is one of my ambitions.
8. Until 1944, women were not allowed to vote in France.
9. The Chinese were the first people to use paper money.
10. An old remedy for too many mice is to get a cat.

EXERCISE 6 Finding Gerunds

Number your paper 1 to 10. Write the gerund in each sentence. Then label it *subject*, *direct object*, *indirect object*, *object of a preposition*, *predicate nominative*, or *appositive*.

1. Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise.
2. She has just finished a course in typing.
3. Please stop that yelling!
4. An early method of food preservation was pickling.
5. The hungry boys gave eating their full attention.
6. That rude couple's whispering bothered everyone in the audience.
7. Lee has a new hobby, painting.
8. A common experience for everyone is dreaming.
9. The hardest part of skating is balance.
10. Kim has always enjoyed cooking.

EXERCISE 7 Distinguishing between Gerunds and Participles

Number your paper 1 to 10. Write the underlined word in each sentence. Then label it *gerund* or *participle*.

1. Are you a member of the rowing team?
2. Reading does not weaken the eyes.
3. I'm joining the swimming team this year.
4. Connie's singing has greatly improved.
5. Do you have a copy of the ninth grade reading list?
6. The movie showed the hazards of smoking.
7. Swimming is the best exercise for asthmatics.
8. The local singing group is becoming famous.
9. By noon my muscles were sore from rowing.
10. The smoking oven meant that the meat and potatoes had burned.

EXERCISE 8 Finding Gerund Phrases

Number your paper 1 to 10. Write the gerund phrase in each sentence. Then underline the gerund.

1. Galileo made his first telescope by placing a lens at each end of an organ pipe.
2. Sinking 499 free throws in a row is Ellen's present claim to fame.
3. A snail can cross the edge of the sharpest razor without cutting itself.
4. The ancient Egyptians avoided killing any sacred animal.
5. Josh's plan, rushing the passer, seemed sound to us.

EXERCISE 9 Finding Gerund Phrases

Write the gerund phrase in each sentence. Then label it *subject*, *direct object*, *indirect object*, *object of a preposition*, *predicate nominative*, or *appositive*.

1. Next week Missy will try diving from the high board.
2. You can call almost anywhere by dialing directly.
3. My plan for the future is going to college.
4. David enjoys reading science fiction.
5. Part of Una's morning routine is getting up at seven.
6. Rubbing paraffin on the shoe part of your ice skates will prevent cracks.
7. Arriving on time for a job interview creates a good impression.
8. My part-time job, baby-sitting for the Murphys, pays well.
9. Walking the dog is one of my afternoon chores.
10. Gabriel Fahrenheit made the thermometer more accurate by substituting mercury for alcohol.