

The Infinitive

5g. An *infinitive* is a verb form that can be used as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb. Most infinitives begin with *to*.

INFINITIVE USED AS NOUN **To heal** was the athlete's first priority.

INFINITIVE USED AS ADJECTIVE The player **to watch** this season is Rodney.

INFINITIVE USED AS ADVERB This speech will be easy **to memorize**.

EXERCISE Underline the infinitives in the following sentences. If a sentence does not contain an infinitive, write *none* after the sentence.

Examples 1. Which is the healthier meal to eat?

2. Will you give your dessert to me? *none*

1. When you need help with math, Maddie is the one to ask.
2. When I play racquetball, I play to win.
3. Robin Hood stole from the rich and gave to the poor.
4. To interrupt was not my intention.
5. If you start the project, you must be sure to finish.
6. In my opinion, the fashion accessory to have this season is a silver charm bracelet.
7. I go to the local thrift store to shop.
8. The clothing to donate is in a box.
9. Our plan for the day is to hike.
10. The place to shop is the new mall downtown.
11. We plan to go first thing in the morning.
12. To whom should I address this letter?
13. Some people think martial arts are difficult to learn.
14. I don't know which film to recommend.
15. Have you decided what you want to eat?
16. Going to the YMCA is fine with me.
17. To exercise is one of my goals this semester.
18. Has Juanita begun to study?
19. Shelly recommended a great poem to read.
20. Roberto went home early to rest.