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Infinitives

Infinitives are defined as *to + base form of the verb*. They have several functions.

1. Used as subjects and subject complements.

To know me is to love me.

To live in Hawaii is my lifetime dream.

2. Used as objects following certain verbs*.

*I wanted *to tell* you how much I appreciated your gift.*

*He hesitated *to ask* the embarrassing question.*

3. Used as a shortened form of *in order to*.

*You must take this medicine (in order) *to get* well.*

*I went to the bank *to cash* a check.*

Infinitives can sometimes take objects of their own.

*We hope *to find the person* who did this.*

*I was asked *to make a dessert* for the potluck dinner.*

***These verbs are commonly followed by infinitives.**

afford	agree	appear	arrange	ask	attempt
beg	begin	care	choose	claim	consent
decide	demand	deserve	desire	expect	fail
forget	go	happen	hate	hesitate	hope
intend	know how	learn	like	love	manage
mean	need	neglect	offer	plan	prefer
prepare	pretend	promise	refuse	regret	remember
seem	start	stop	struggle	swear	tend
threaten	try	volunteer	wait	want	wish