

**Infinitive Phrases: Sentence Activities**

Fill in the missing parts to create infinitive phrases.

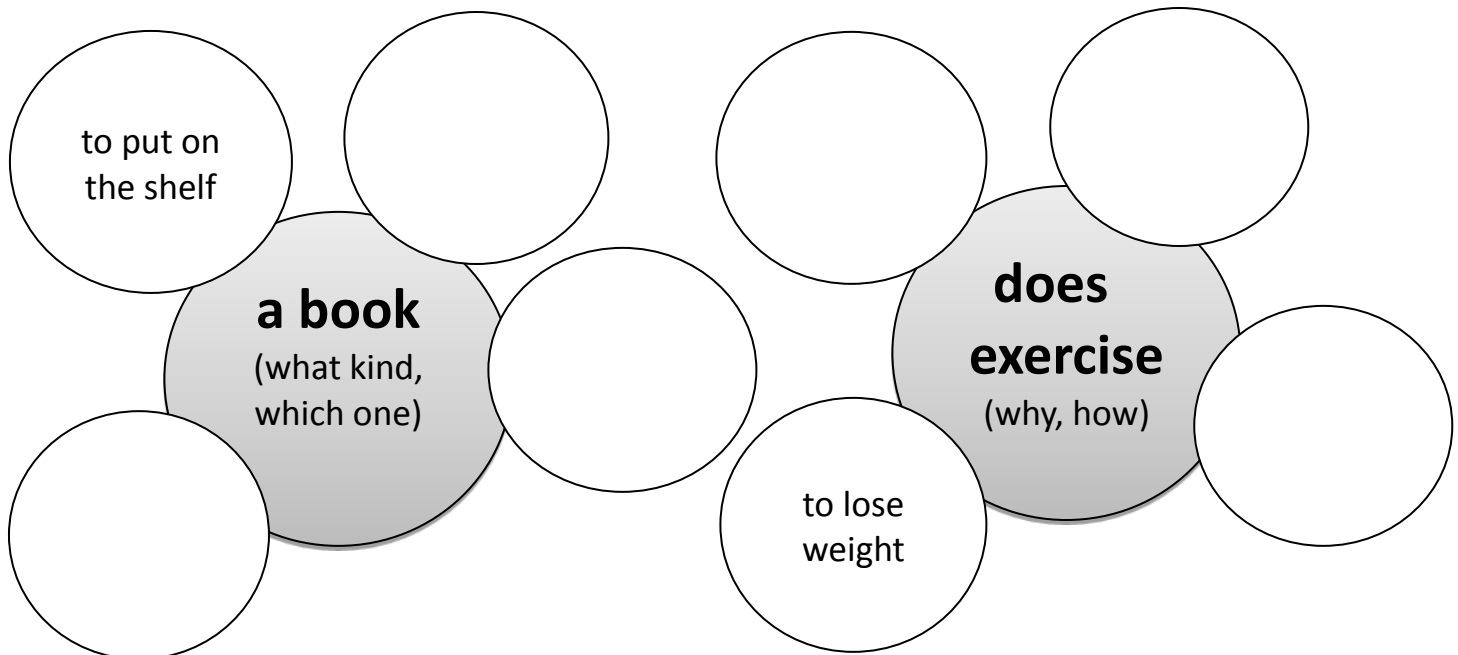
| TO        | verb           | complement (optional)    | modifier (optional)     |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>to</i> | <i>push</i>    |                          | <i>over the edge</i>    |
| <i>to</i> |                | <i>her birthday cake</i> |                         |
| <i>to</i> |                |                          | <i>for my aunt</i>      |
|           | <i>predict</i> |                          |                         |
| <i>to</i> |                | <i>a ball</i>            | <i>with great skill</i> |
|           | <i>explain</i> |                          |                         |

Use infinitive phrases to fill in these sentences (#s 1-4, 6-9, and 12-15). You can use the ones created above or write new ones.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ takes a lot of effort.
- 2) Our plan is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Even though it is dangerous, Harry chose \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ will be difficult.
- 5) What part of speech are the infinitive phrases in #s 1-4 performing?
  - a. noun (person, place, or thing)
  - b. adjective (modifying a noun)
  - c. adverb (modifying an verb, adjective, or other adverb)
- 6) The person \_\_\_\_\_ has already gone home.
- 7) This assignment \_\_\_\_\_ will require us to work together.
- 8) Jerry has lost his desire \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) The magician will arrive in time \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) What part of speech are the infinitive phrases in #s 6-9 performing?
  - a. noun (person, place, or thing)
  - b. adjective (modifying a noun)
  - c. adverb (modifying an verb, adjective, or other adverb)
- 11) Underline the noun that the infinitive phrase modifies in #s 6-9.

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- 12) The squirrel raced up the tree \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13) \_\_\_\_\_, my mother drove to the store.
- 14) It will be hard \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15) The teacher speaks softly \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16) What part of speech are the infinitive phrases in #s 12-15 performing?
- noun (person, place, or thing)
  - adjective (modifying a noun)
  - adverb (modifying an verb, adjective, or other adverb)
- 17) Underline the verb or adjective that the infinitive phrase modifies in #s 12-15.
- 18) Based on #s 6-9, circle the adjective questions that infinitive phrase typically answer.
- how many*      *whose is it*      *which one*      *what kind*
- 19) Based on #s 12-15, circle the adverb questions that infinitive phrase typically answer.
- when*      *where*      *how*      *why*
- 20) Describe the noun and verb with infinitive phrase modifiers.



**RELATED FIND ACTIVITY:** Play the PRACTICE FINDING THEM activity and stop after each paragraph is completed. For each adjective or adverb infinitive phrase, ask two questions.

What word does the phrase modify? What question does the phrase answer about that word?

**Bonus Questions:** If the infinitive phrase is a noun ask one question.

Is the infinitive phrase the subject of the sentence or the complement of the sentence?

## Answers

Missing Parts Table) Answers will vary. Here are some possible completions.

- to push the cart over the edge**
- to make her birthday cake before the party**
- to get a gift for my aunt**
- to predict the storm**
- to throw a ball over the wall**
- to explain infinitives**

- 1) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **To push the cart over the edge takes a lot of effort.**
- 2) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **Our plan is to get a gift for my aunt.**
- 3) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **Even though it is dangerous, Harry chose to explain infinitives.**
- 4) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **To predict the storm will be difficult.**
- 5) **a**
- 6) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **The person to throw a ball over the wall has already gone home.**
- 7) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **The assignment to make her birthday cake before the party will require us to work together.**
- 8) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **Jerry has lost his desire to explain infinitives.**
- 9) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **The magician will arrive in time to make her birthday cake before the party.**
- 10) **b**
- 11) **in #6 underline person, in # 7 underline assignment, in #8 underline desire, in #9 underline time**
- 12) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **The squirrel raced up the tree to predict the storm.**
- 13) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **To get a gift for my aunt, my mother drove to the store.**
- 14) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **It will be hard to throw a ball over the wall.**
- 15) Answers will vary. Here is a possible completion. **The teacher speaks softly to prevent a headache.**
- 16) **c**
- 17) **in #12 underline raced, in # 13 underline drove, in #14 underline hard, in #15underline speaks**
- 18) **which one, what kind**
- 19) **how, why**
- 20) Answers will vary. Here are some possible completions.
  - a book to read before bed**
  - a book to buy for your collection**
  - a book to give to me**
  - does exercise to stay in shape**