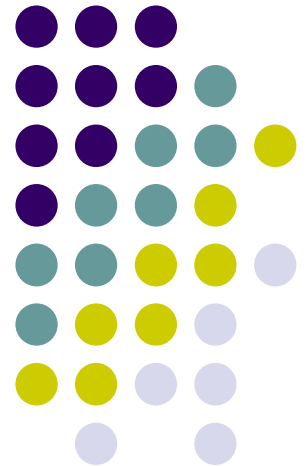


# The Infinitive and the Infinitive Phrase

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# Learning Targets:

- I can define an Infinitive and Infinitive Phrase.
- I can identify an Infinitive and Infinitive Phrase in a sentence.
- I can use an Infinitive and Infinitive Phrase in a sentence correctly.



# What is an Infinitive?

- An infinitive looks like a verb, but it begins with “**TO**”, and it functions as a noun (subject, direct object, predicate nominative), adjective, or adverb.

Example: I plan **to cook** dinner for my parents' anniversary.

**Make a Study Card**



- Remember that an  
Infinitive phrase = to + verb
- BUT IT NEVER FUNCTIONS AS THE VERB  
IN A SENTENCE!!!!

To fly an airplane is my dream.

# Infinitive Role in sentences



\*\*\*3 different types\*\*\*

- To leave the party would be rude.

To leave ...infinitive as the **subject**

- No one wants to stay.

To stay ...infinitive as the **Direct Object**

- Her goal is to win.

- To win ...infinitive as the **Predicate Nominative or Predicate Noun**

# Role #2

## Infinitive = Adjective



- Samuel White is the candidate to watch during this election.

- **To watch** ...infinitive as an adjective

Which candidate is Samuel...the one **to watch**.

- **To watch** gives more info. about candidate – a big hint is the adj. comes just after the noun it modifies.

# Role #3

## Infinitive = Adverb



- We came to cheer.
- To cheer ...infinitive as an adverb  
Why did they come... to cheer
- To cheer gives more information about the verb.

# WHAT IS AN INFINITIVE PHRASE?



- An infinitive phrase begins with the infinitive (starts with “to + verb”) and includes all of its modifiers.

Example:

To exercise daily is my new year’s resolution.

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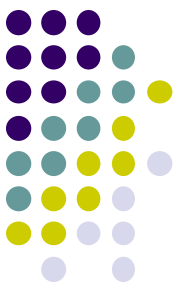
# The Infinitive Practice



- To get a medical degree is her goal.
- To get a medical degree is her goal.
- We have time to walk to the game.
- We have time to walk to the game.
- He is eager to give Cory the award.
- He is eager to give Cory the award.

# Infinitive Phrase or Prepositional Phrase?

## BE CAREFUL



- Both phrases begin with “to”. Be careful!
- Infinitive phrase is “to + verb”
- Prepositional phrase is “to + noun/pronoun”
- I wanted to walk to the beach.
- I wanted to walk (infinitive) to the beach (preposition).

**Read the paragraph. In the following paragraph, circle the Infinitives, underline the infinitive phrases and highlight in YELLOW the prepositional phrases. Be careful! Due Friday 9/8/2017.**



To be a great football player is more than just the ability to play well. The character of the team comes in to play because if the players acts without integrity, then the team tends to be divided. I'm talking about respect and honor on the field. To be able to hold your head high is a key to success on the field and off the field.