

## The Infinitive

**Basic Idea:** An *indeclinable verbal noun*. Often plays typical roles of a noun.  
**Subjects of infinitives:** Subject of an infinitive *usually appears in the accusative case*.

<b>Adverbial</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	simple infinitive	Matt 5:17 μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον <b>καταλῦσαι</b> τὸν νόμον Do not think that I came <b>to destroy</b> the law.
		τοῦ + inf.	Matt 2:13 μέλλει γὰρ Ἡρώδης ζητεῖν τὸ παιδίον <b>τοῦ ἀπολέσαι</b> αὐτό For Herod is about to search for the child <b>to destroy</b> him.
	<b>Result</b>	simple infinitive	
		τοῦ + inf.	Luke 5:7 ἐπλησαν ἀμφοτέρα τὰ πλοῖα ὥστε <b>βυθίζεσθαι αὐτά</b> They filled both the boats <u>with the result that that they began to sink</u> .
	<b>Complementary (Supplementary)</b>	simple infinitive	Matt 6:24 οὐ δύνασθε θεῶ <b>δουλεύειν</b> καὶ μαμωνᾶ You <u>cannot serve</u> God and mammon.
		Verbs taking complementary inf.: δύναμαι, μέλλω ** verb cannot take a regular (non-verbal) noun as a direct object	
<b>Direct object</b>	simple infinitive (often looks like complementary inf.)	Phil 1:12 <b>γινώσκειν</b> δὲ ὑμᾶς βούλομαι, ἀδελφοί, ὅτι τὰ κατ' ἐμὲ . . . Now I <u>want you to know</u> , brothers, that my circumstances . . .	
	Verbs taking inf. direct object: ἄρχομαι, βούλομαι, ζητέω, θέλω, ὀφείλω		
	τὸ + inf.	2 Cor 8:11 νυνὶ δὲ καὶ <b>τὸ ποιῆσαι</b> ἐπιτελέσατε But now <u>complete the performance</u> [of it] as well . . .	
<b>With preposition</b>	<b>διὰ τό</b> + inf.	Cause "because . . ."	Mark 4:6 <b>διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν</b> ρίζαν ἐξηράνθη <u>Because it had</u> no root, it withered.
	<b>εἰς τό</b> + inf.	All usually purpose	
	<b>πρὸς τό</b> + inf.	"in order to . . ."	
	<b>ὥς</b> + inf.	or result "so as to . . ."	
	<b>ὥστε</b> + inf.		
	<b>ἐν τῷ</b> + inf.	Time (simultaneous) "while, as . . ."	Matt 13:4 <b>ἐν τῷ σπείρειν</b> αὐτὸν ἃ μὲν ἔπεσεν παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν <u>While he was sowing</u> , some fell on the road.
	<b>μετὰ τό</b> + inf.	Time (preceding) "after . . ."	Matt 26:32 <b>μετὰ</b> δὲ <b>τὸ ἐγερθῆναι</b> με προάξω ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν. And <u>after I have been raised</u> , I will go ahead of you into Galilee.
	<b>πρὶν (ἢ)</b> + inf.	Time (following) "before . . ."	
	<b>πρὸ τοῦ</b> + inf.	Time (following) "before . . ."	Matt 6:8 οἶδεν ὁ πατήρ ὑμῶν ὧν χρεῖαν ἔχετε <b>πρὸ τοῦ</b> ὑμᾶς <b>αἰτῆσαι</b> αὐτόν Your Father knows what you need <u>before you ask</u> him.

<b>Indirect discourse</b>	simple infinitive	Mark 12:18 Σαδδουκαῖοι . . . οἵτινες λέγουσιν ἀνάστασιν μὴ <b>εἶναι</b> Sadducees . . . who <u>say</u> <b>there is</b> no resurrection
<b>Apposition</b>	simple infinitive “namely . . .” “that is . . .”	James 1:27 θρησκεία καθαρὰ . . . αὕτη ἐστίν, <b>ἐπισκέπτεσθαι</b> ὀρφανούς καὶ χήρας pure religion . . . is this, <b>namely, to visit</b> orphans and widows
<b>Epexegetical</b>	simple infinitive “to . . .”	1 Cor 7:39 ἐλευθέρᾳ ἐστὶν ᾧ θέλει <b>γαμηθῆναι</b> She is free <b>to be married</b> to whomever she wants
	τοῦ + infinitive “to . . .”	Luke 10:19 δέδωκα ὑμῖν τὴν ἐξουσίαν <b>τοῦ πατεῖν</b> ἐπάνω ὄφρων καὶ σκορπίων I have given you authority <b>to tread</b> on serpents and scorpions