

Infinitive

Active Voice

to do
to be doing
to have done
to have been doing

Passive Voice

to be done
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to have been done
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Syntactical Functions of the Infinitive

1. The Infinitive as Subject

To be good is be in harmony with oneself.

To explain the phenomenon is not easy. = **It** is not easy to explain this phenomenon.

2. The Infinitive as Predicative (after be and modal verbs)

My intention was to start the project as soon as possible.

I can tell you this only once, so pay close attention.

3. The Infinitive as Object

She agreed to come at 5.

I regret to have said it to her.

4. The Infinitive as Attribute

He was the first to research this phenomenon.

The problem to be solved is extremely difficult.

5. The Infinitive as an Adverbial Modifier

(So as/In order) to reach his goal he works hard.

He is experienced enough to head the laboratory.

He is too old to start his life from the very beginning.

6. The Infinitive as Parenthesis

to begin with –	почнемо з того, що
to be (quite) frank –	широ кажучи
to make matters worse –	погіршити ситуацію
to put it mildly –	м'яко кажучи
to say the least –	щонайменше
to tell the truth –	правду кажучи
needless to say –	не кажучи вже про...
so to speak –	так би мовити
to be on the safe side –	про всяк випадок

Exercise 6. Make up suitable sentences according to the model, translate them into Ukrainian.

Use the list below.

The Subject

Model: (To follow you is difficult) It's difficult to follow you. = You speak so fast.

1. It's late ---. 2. It's always easy ---. 3. It was hard ---. 4. Why is it so important ---. 5. It's time ---.
6. It'll take you very little time ---. 7. It wasn't difficult ---. 8. It gives him pleasure ---. 9. It is hard
---. 10. It's no use ---.

to hear or to be heard; to raise this question; to look through my work; to give advice; to believe his words; to call on him today; to be responsible for your work; to receive marked attention; to give an explicit definition; start our new scientific project.

Exercise 7. Make up suitable sentences according to the model, translate them into Ukrainian. Use the list below.

The Predicative

Model: The main idea is *to discuss* this issue in detail.

1. My job then was ---. 2. His next step was ---. 3. All you have to do is ---. 4. Our plan was ---. 5. The only thing he had to do was ---. 6. The first thing to do is ---. 7. My aim is ---. 8. The purpose of this research is ---. 9. The aim of this article is ---. 10. The main problem is ---.

to learn the whole truth; to get her on the phone; to explain how to do it; to let her know how things are; to collect data for the research; to back up the hypothesis; to accumulate evidence; to discuss a number of theoretical issues; to adopt this approach; to consider major results.

Exercise 8. Make up suitable sentences according to the model, translate them into Ukrainian. Use the list below.

An Object

Model: I'm sorry *to trouble* you. He tried *to speak* calmly.

1. The students of our group agreed ---. 2. We were lucky not ---. 3. He couldn't make up his mind whether --- or not. 4. He was determined ---. 5. He hates ---. 6. I was happy ---. 7. He promised ---. 8. She was eager ---. 9. I didn't mean ---. 10. We didn't know what ---.

to miss the bus; hurt sb's feelings; to take the scientific project; to see an old friend; to start a set of experiments; to propose an alternative analysis; to account for some errors; to be centre of attention; to do first; to attend the conference.

Exercise 9. Make up suitable sentences according to the model, translate them into Ukrainian. Use the list below.

An Attribute

Model: She had nothing *to do*. There was nothing *to argue about*.

1. He had little ---. 2. There was no need ---. 3. I have nothing ---. 4. Leaving this town he had nothing ---. 5. He had good news ---. 6. We have a lot of problems ---. 7. You'll need somebody ---. 8. She had her job ---. 9. He was the first ---. 10. The aim ---.

to be achieved; to say; to look after; to argue about the matter; to help you with the work; to be proud of; to lose; to think about; to think over; to do researches in this area.

Exercise 10. Make up suitable sentences according to the model, translate them into Ukrainian. Use the list below.

An Adverbial Modifier of Purpose/Result

Model: I've come here (so as) *to have* a talk with you.

(In order) *to understand* the phenomenon you must read the theoretical material.

He seemed too tired *to speak*. It was hard *enough to start* from the very beginning.

1. He will have to work hard ---. 2. --- I took a taxi. 3. --- follow the instructions carefully. 4. I stepped aside ---. 5. We have invited the Professor ---. 6. The subway station was near enough ---. 7. Do you know him well enough ---. 8. He a rich man but was too busy ---. 9. He is too young ---. 10. The subject is important enough ---.

not to lose a moment's time; catch up with the group; to take you to the station; to let them pass to deliver lecture on Lasers; to be discussed in full detail; to enjoy his money; to ask him for help; to walk there; to understand what has happened.