

CHAPTER-02

INFINITIVES

Non-finite verbs that usually consist of preposition to and the base form of the verb are called infinitives.

Examples....

- ❖ My father wishes to tour Japan.
- ❖ Vishal wanted to finish his painting last night.
- ❖ They are planning to make cook tomorrow.

N.B. Infinitives can never function as main verbs in a sentence.

Infinitives are of three types..

- Full infinitive/ To-infinitive
- Bare infinitive
- Split Infinitive

Full Infinitive-----

When an infinitive consists of a preposition to and the base form of a verb, it is called a full infinitive or to-infinitive. It functions as a noun, an adjective or an adverb in a sentence.

Bare Infinitive.....

When a non-finite verb is used in its base form without the preposition to, it is called a bare infinitive. Example—I made my friend wait for me after school.

Split infinitive....

When a word is placed between the preposition to and the base form of the verb, it is called split infinitive. The interrupting word is mostly an adverb or an adverb phrase. Example—She advised me to casually ask my father about the trip.