

# Definition of an infinitive clause

An infinitive clause or phrase is one which contains an infinitive as the main verb.

There are two types of infinitive clause:

1. The to-infinitive clause. The verb follows to.

I need to go shopping this afternoon.

My boss allows me to leave early on Fridays.

- 2.



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