OBJECTIVES:

- Correctly, define the term ‘infinitive’ and ‘infinitive phrase’.
- Correctly, identify the infinitive and infinitive phrase from given sentences.

* An infinitive is a verb form that can be used as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb. The word to usually appear before the infinitive.

Examples: It is important to listen.
He is the one to ask.

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Directions: Circle the infinitive in each sentence below.

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4. Stranded in the freezing snowstorm, all Kira wanted was to survive.
5. Afraid to move, Evan froze in terror as the huge cobra slithered over his left foot.

* An infinitive phrase is an infinitive with modifiers or a complement, all acting together as a single part of speech.

Examples: It is important to listen carefully.
It is not polite to listen through the keyhole.
I want to hear the news.
They want to give you a present.
Directions: Underline the infinitive phrase in each sentence below

1. Katherine wants to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
2. To travel all across Italy is Lucretia's New Year resolution.
3. A good habit to have is to go for a walk in the evening.
4. The only way to find the treasure chest is to meet with the fairy prince.
5. His least-favorite power tool to make home improvements is the handsaw.
6. To finish a new book is the only reason Kyle would stay up all night.
7. Her favorite blanket to cozy in for the night is purple with blue paisleys.
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