GRADE 8: Grammar Lesson: Infinitives

An **infinitive** is the base form of a verb usually preceded by **to**.

Examples:

- to read
- to play
- to learn
- to travel

Infinitives can function as:

1. **Nouns** – *To learn is important.*
2. **Adjectives** – *She has a book to read.*
3. **Adverbs** – *He studies hard to succeed.*

Part A: Identify the Infinitives

Underline the infinitive in each sentence.

1. Sarah wants **to improve** her writing skills.
2. We need _____ before the test.
3. My brother hopes _____ a doctor someday.
4. They went to the library _____ books.
5. I like _____ new languages.

Part B: Complete the Sentences

Fill in the blanks with a suitable infinitive from the box.

to win • to help • to learn • to travel • to finish

1. Our goal is _____ the project on time.
2. She volunteered _____ the younger students.

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3. I would love _____ around the world.
4. They practice every day _____ the competition.
5. It is important _____ new skills.

Part C: Choose the Correct Answer

Circle the infinitive in each sentence.

1. The students stayed after school **(to study / studying)**.
2. We decided **(to visit / visited)** the museum.
3. She likes **(to dance / danced)** at school events.
4. They hope **(to succeed / succeeded)** this year.
5. I need **(to buy / bought)** a notebook.

Part D: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite each sentence by adding an infinitive phrase.

Example: I went to the store. → I went to the store **to buy groceries**.

1. We came early.

2. She saved her money.

3. They joined the club.

4. I opened the book.

5. He practiced every day.

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Part F: Writing Challenge

Write **three sentences** using infinitives. Underline the infinitive in each sentence.

1.

2.

3.

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