

Indefinite	to write
Continuous	to be writing
Perfect	to have written
Perfect Continuous	to have been writing
Indefinite passive	to be written
Perfect passive	to have been written

Syntactic functions of the Infinitive

1. Subject

***To live** means to cognize*

***It is important to discuss** this issue. (formal subject)*

2. predicative

*My intention **is to win** in the game.*

*They seemed **to have been living** there all their life.*

3. part of a compound verbal predicate

a) after modal verbs and expressions expressing modality

*We **must work** hard.*

*She **could have done** it better.*

*I **intended to go** to the interview.*

*I **intended to have gone** to the interview*

b) after the verbs denoting beginning, duration and finishing of the action (aspect verbs)

*She **continued to tell** the story.*

4. object

*She asked him **to come** in time.*

*He has learn't **to drive** .*

*I like **it** when it **rains** . (introductory object it)*

*He found **it** difficult **to come** in time.(introductory object it)*

5. part of a complex object

*I **saw** him **come** into the office.*

6. attribute

*I haven't had enough **time to do** it.*

*She is a nice **girl to talk to** .*

*He has a **child to take care of** . (modal significance)*

*It was **time to start** a new life.(shade of purpose)*

7. adverbial modifier

a) of purpose: *He opened the window **to breath** some fresh air.*

*He came to the meeting **in order to clarify** some questions*

*She called him **so as to know** he was fine.*

b) of result: *He was too **busy to help** me.*

*He was so kind **as to give** his house at our disposal for the whole day.*

c) comparison (manner): *She waved **as if to stop** him from coming closer (additional shade of purpose)*

d) attendant circumstances: *She left never **to come** back again.*

8. parenthesis: ***To cut a long story short,** that was a nice day*

*He was arrogant, **to say the least of it***

***To put it mildly** , he is not the best guy*

***To speak the truth** , I liked it very much.*