

---

# INFINITIVE & GERUND PHRASE

---

EXERCISE A: Underline the gerund phrases in the following sentences and tell if they are used as subject, direct object, predicate nominative, appositive, indirect object, or object of the preposition.

1. My uncle's job was vegetable farming.
2. My wish, traveling to Indonesia, will happen in May.
3. Writing Russian is often a challenge.
4. By saving more money, I can extend my holiday traveling.
5. My sister gives gossiping about others too much of her time.

EXERCISE B: Underline the infinitive phrases in the following sentences and tell if they are used as a noun, adjective, or adverb.

1. Our idea to spend the day together sounds awesome.
2. On the icy road I drove slowly to prevent any damage.
3. Toddlers really like to play in sand piles and eat goodies.
4. Mariah is likely to change her mind about visiting the park on Saturday.
5. I have good reason to doubt your sincerity.
6. Two bad habits that can turn into addictions are to smoke cigarettes and to drink alcohol.
7. Bill is the man to see about the job in construction.
8. Her dream was to go to college and to study law.
9. The wild horse jumped up high to throw me and to break my neck.
10. To party and to sleep in were his bad habits on the weekend.

## Answer Keys:

### EXERCISE A: -

1. vegetable farming (predicate nominative)
2. traveling to Indonesia (appositive)
3. writing Russian (subject)
4. saving more money (object of the preposition) – holiday traveling (direct object)
5. gossiping about others (indirect object)

### EXERCISE B: -

1. to spend the day together **modifies** idea. (Adjective Infinitive)
2. to prevent any damage **modifies** the verb drove. (Adverb Infinitive)
3. to play in sand piles/(to) eat goodies (Noun Infinitives - Direct objects)
4. to change her mind **modifies** the predicate adjective likely. (Adverb Infinitive)
5. to doubt your sincerity **modifies** reason. (Adjective Infinitive)
6. to smoke cigarettes/to drink alcohol. (Noun Infinitives - Predicate nominatives)
7. to see about the job **modifies** man (Adjective Infinitive)
8. to go to college/to study law (Noun Infinitives - Predicate nominatives)
9. to throw me/to break my neck **modify** the verb jumped (Adverb Infinitives)
10. to party/to sleep in (Noun Infinitives – Subjects)