

## To Infinity and Beyond

*An extension of "The bank that helps students save money by recycling trash"*

Did you know that a verb can be infinite? The "infinitive" of a verb is also its base form, or what is listed in the dictionary. For example, the verb "say" is in its infinitive or base form, whereas "said" is its past tense form.

In "The bank that helps students save money by recycling trash" (page 14, *What's Up* June 2019), the writer uses many infinitives, particularly the "to-infinitive". How can you identify them? It's easy — the "to-infinitive" is introduced by the preposition "to". It is used to express the **purpose/result/intention of an action**, or to **indicate what something is used for**.

Let's look at one example. This is the first sentence of the article:

- "Would you join a children's bank that pays you money **to recycle rubbish** like paper and plastic bottles?"

Here, "to recycle" is an infinitive that explains the **intention** (recycling rubbish) of the action (paying you money).

Here's a second example:

- "He saw that many of his school friends did not have enough money **to buy food**."

The infinitive "to buy" explains what the "money" is **used for** (buying food).

Now, it's your turn! Identify four sentences in the article that use a "to-infinitive", highlight each one them, and state what it expresses.

No.	Sentence ( <i>Highlight the "to-infinitive".</i> )	What does the infinitive explain?
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