

Lesson 21

The Verbal Noun: Infinitive

What use of the infinitive has been introduced before this chapter? List the use below and copy a basic sentence in which it is used:

As what kernel item have these infinitives been used?

Basic Sentences

From the basic sentences listed below copy the Latin infinitives and the English used to translate them.

	Latin infins	English equivalent
BS 21.1	_____	_____
	_____	_____
BS 21.2	_____	_____
BS 21.3	_____	_____
	_____	_____
BS 21.4	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Find and copy from the Basic Sentences

a passive infinitive

a linking kernel

a dative noun

2 nom sg neuter adjs

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Syntax

After reading the paragraph about syntax at the bottom of page 221, summarize the verbal noun function of the infinitive. Is this new use a kernel item? Is it a modifier?

What properties of a noun does an infinitive have? How does this affect other words in the sentence?

What properties of a verb does an infinitive have? How does this affect other words in the sentence?

Is the verbal noun use of the infinitive associated with a certain kernel type? How does it function in that kernel?

Why are verbal noun infinitives generally *not* entered as a verb on a kernel chart?

Look at the list of verbs in the middle of page 222. What do all these verbs have in common?

What is the syntactic function of verbal noun infinitives which pattern with these verbs?

Knowing that one of these verbs (*Juvat*) is used in **BS 21.4**, what is the role of the verbal nouns in this sentence? _____
What has this role in the English translation of this sentence? _____

How can you tell if a Latin infinitive is functioning as a complementary infinitive or a verbal noun?

Metaphrasing

What are the three possible metaphrases for the Latin infinitive as verbal noun?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

What word do you have to supply in English when using *extraposition* to translate a verbal noun infinitive? _____ Does this English word represent something which is gapped when entering the Latin sentence on a kernel chart? (Look at the kernel chart examples on page 222.)

In which one of the four sentences in Exercise 2, p. 223, is the expectation of a verbal noun infinitive raised before the reader sees the infinitive? _____ Explain what raises this expectation.