

Infinitives as Adjectives

What is the best way to spend a rainy afternoon?



In the question *What is the best way to spend a rainy afternoon?* there is an infinitive phrase: *to spend a rainy afternoon*. The infinitive phrase is used as an adjective. It modifies the noun *way*. An infinitive (or infinitive phrase) that is used as an adjective always comes after the noun it modifies.

- A. Each question below has an infinitive phrase that is used as an adjective. Circle the infinitive phrase. Draw a line to the noun it modifies. Then answer the question. You do not need to write a complete sentence.**

Your Opinion, Please

1. What is the best food to eat in cold weather? _____
2. What is the best food to eat in hot weather? _____
3. What is the best beverage to drink in cold weather? _____
4. What is the best beverage to drink in hot weather? _____
5. If you don't have an official weather forecast, what is a good way to predict the weather?

6. What are two good ways to save money?

7. What is a good reason to break up with your girlfriend or boyfriend?

8. What is the best route to take from your home to English class?

9. Where is the best place to go for a vacation? _____

10. What is the best way to get a stain out of clothing?

11. If you have space for only three tools, what are the three most important tools to have in your home?

12. What are some tips to stay healthy?

B. Read the questions and your answers aloud with a partner.

Answer Key

Infinitive phrase	Noun it modifies
1. to eat in cold weather	1. food
2. to eat in hot weather	2. food
3. to drink in cold weather	3. beverage
4. to drink in hot weather	4. beverage
5. to predict the weather	5. way
6. to save money	6. ways
7. to break up with your girlfriend or boyfriend	7. reason
8. to take from your home to English class	8. route
9. to go for a vacation	9. place
10. to get a stain out of clothing	10. way
11. to have in your home	11. tools
12. to stay healthy	12. tips