

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 beverage to drink in cold weather? _____
3. What is the best food to eat in hot weather? _____
4. What is the best beverage to drink in hot weather? _____
5. What are two good ways to save money?

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

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

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

9. What are two tips to stay healthy?

10. What is something you hope you get a chance to do someday?

11. What is something you never have time to do? _____

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 drink in cold weather	2. beverage
3. to eat in hot weather	3. food
4. to drink in hot weather	4. beverage
5. to save money	5. ways
6. to break up with your girlfriend or boyfriend	6. reason
7. to go for a vacation	7. place
8. to have in your home	8. tools
9. to stay healthy	9. tips
10. to do someday	10. chance
11. to do	11. time