



#10159 THE SPLIT-INFINITIVE WORLD OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR: PROGRAM 3

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Grade Level: 8-13+
26 mins.

DESCRIPTION

Explains verbals—verb forms that function as some other part of speech in a sentence. Discusses gerunds, participles, and infinitives, then moves to four other parts of speech. Defines terms related to adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections. Uses highlighted examples of each, and ends with a review of all eight parts of speech.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Subject Area: Language Arts—Writing

- Standard: Uses grammatical and mechanical conventions in written compositions
 - ◆ Benchmark: Uses adverbs in written compositions (i.e., uses words that answer how, when, where, and why questions) (See INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS 2.)
 - ◆ Benchmark: Uses prepositions and coordinating conjunctions in written compositions (e.g., uses prepositional phrases, combines and embeds ideas using conjunctions) (See INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS 2.)
 - ◆ Benchmark: Uses coordinating conjunctions in written compositions (e.g., links ideas using connecting words) (See INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS 2.)
 - ◆ Benchmark: Uses interjections in written compositions (See INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS 2.)

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

1. To define the usage of three types of verbals: gerunds, infinitives and participles.
2. To identify the usage of adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This video begins with Section C which is a continuation of a discussion begun in CMP #10151, *The Split-Infinitive World of English Grammar: Program 2*.

VOCABULARY

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| 1. adjective | 6. exclamation point | 11. pronoun |
| 2. adverb | 7. interjection | 12. relationship |
| 3. conjunction | 8. noun | 13. transitions |
| 4. contrast | 9. phrase | 14. verb |
| 5. exception | 10. preposition | 15. verbals |

BEFORE SHOWING

1. Review the following parts of speech: noun, adjective, and verb.
2. Discuss the value of learning English grammar. List situations where English grammar is important.

AFTER SHOWING

Discussion Items and Questions

1. Discuss verbals.
 - a. What are the three types of verbals?
 - b. What is a *gerund*? How is it used?
 - c. What is an *infinitive*? How is it used?
 - d. What are *present* and *past participles*? How are they used? How can an irregular verb become a past participle? What are *dangling participles*?
2. Discuss adverbs.
 - a. What do adverbs describe?
 - b. What four questions does an adverb answer?
 - c. How do adverbs typically end? What are three exceptions to this rule? What is the difference between "good" and "well"?
3. Define *prepositions* and their function.
 - a. Explain the difference between spatial and time relationships. List examples of both kinds of prepositions.
 - b. Describe how prepositions can fuse with a verb to alter its meaning. Give examples.
4. What are the purposes of conjunctions? How do conjunctions show relationships between words? Give examples. What is a *paired conjunction*? Give examples.
5. What are *interjections*? What are the rules for using interjections? What punctuation is required for an interjection?

Applications and Activities

1. Find an example from a published book or write your own sentence for each of the following:
 - a. Verbals (Avoid dangling participles.)
 - i. A gerund used as a noun.
 - ii. An infinitive used as a noun.
 - iii. An infinitive used as an adjective.
 - iv. A present participle used as an adjective.
 - v. A regular past participle used as an adjective.
 - vi. An irregular past participle used as an adjective.

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- b. Adverbs
 - i. An adverb describing a verb.
 - ii. An adverb describing an adjective.
 - iii. An adverb describing another adverb.
 - iv. An adverb that answers the question "How?"
 - v. An adverb that answers the question "How often?"
 - vi. An adverb that answers the question "When?"
 - vii. An adverb that answers the question "To what extent?"
 - viii. An adverb that ends in "-ly."
 - ix. An adverb that doesn't end in "-ly."
 - c. Prepositions
 - i. A preposition that shows how words relate in terms of space.
 - ii. A preposition that shows how words relate in time.
 - d. Conjunctions
 - i. A conjunction that shows a state of equality between two things.
 - ii. A conjunction that shows a definite contrast.
 - iii. A conjunction that shows cause and effect.
 - iv. A paired conjunction.
 - e. Interjections
2. Write a rough draft of a short paragraph describing your latest trip.
 - a. Highlight and label the verbals, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections.
 - b. Use peer feedback to revise so as to include more verbals, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections.

CMP RELATED RESOURCES

- [The Grammar Key #9207](#)
- [The Split-Infinitive World of English Grammar: Program 1 #10150](#)
- [The Split-Infinitive World of English Grammar: Program 2 #10151](#)
- [The Split-Infinitive World of English Grammar: Program 5 #10153](#)

World Wide Web



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• STANDARD DEVIANTS: ENGLISH GRAMMAR

http://standarddeviants.com/pls/brain/cerebellum.show_subject?p_subject_id=20

Includes downloadable tests, interactive quizzes, puzzles, games, and helpful grammar cards.

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- **THE BLUE BOOK OF GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION**

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OF GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

<http://www.grammarbook.com/>

This award-winning site created by Jane Strauss includes printable grammar exercises and tests.

**Guide to
Grammar & Writing**



- **GUIDE TO GRAMMAR AND WRITING**

<http://webster.commnet.edu/grammar/>

This searchable site includes in-depth information on word and sentence-level grammar and punctuation. Includes quizzes.