

Finite and infinitive forms of the verb

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The **finite**, or main form of the verb, has a subject, a tense and can be a singular or plural.

For example:

Mum **says** hello.

Stella **was** in the water.

Infinitive verbs are the verb with **to** in front of them, for example **to go**.

The infinitive verb without *to* is called the base verb.

You use the base verb after a **modal verb**.

For example:

I *will* **write** a novel one day.

Dad *could* not **pull** Stella out of the water.

A modal verb is an auxiliary verb that shows necessity or possibility

(can, could, shall, should, must, may, might, will, would).

You use the infinitive form with *to* after some verbs.

For example:

Mum was trying **to bring** the boat close to Stella.

You can begin some sentences with an infinitive.

For example:

To become a good writer, you need **to write** every day.

Complete the exercise that follows on
page 81 of your textbook.