

## Non-Finite Clauses: Infinitive Clauses

### USE:

The **Full Infinitive** (ex. to drive) is used:

- as the subject of another clause  
*To quit smoking is the best alternative. /The best alternative is to quit smoking.*
- as the complement of another clause  
*The best idea is to apply for a new job.*
- to add information to another clause  
*I went to Julia's wedding to congratulate her.*

Full infinitive clauses can generally come before or after the main clause.  
Perfect and passive infinitives can also be used.

*It would have been dangerous to have gone skiing in the snow storm.*  
*The dog wants to be taken out for a long walk.*

The **Bare Infinitive** (ex. drive) is used:

- following “rather than”  
*Rather than eat junk food, John made himself a salad.*
- as the complement in “Question word + information + be + highlighted information” structures  
*What we should do is save \$100 every month.*
- to add information to another clause that contains a “sense” verb (ex. see, hear)  
*Paula didn't see anyone take the money from the table.*

With “rather than”, bare infinitive clauses can come before or after the main clause. Otherwise, the bare infinitive comes at the end.

*Complete the following with FULL INFINITIVE or BARE INFINITIVE structures.*

1. Sandy went to bed early rather than \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The security guard didn't hear anybody \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What every student should do is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The best way to spend Saturday is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The kids went to the park \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is a good idea.
7. Rather than \_\_\_\_\_ why don't we rent a DVD?