

In this classification of infinitive constructions, an ‘infinitive construction’ is seen as a construction type defined through *an infinitive clause occurring in a certain position/function within a matrix clause*; each type of construction is presented through:

- Properties related primarily to the infinitive clause, viz.:
 - Which grammatical function does the clause have in the matrix clause?
 - Is the infinitive controlled or not?
 - If controlled, what is the GF of the matrix clause constituent controlling the infinitive (the ‘controller’)?
 - What type of control relation is it (‘Raising’ vs. ‘Equi’)?
 - Does the clause have an infinitive marker or not?
- The Argument Structure of the matrix clause
- An example of the construction type (with an infinitival clause inside a finite matrix clause)
- A simple glossing of the example
- A free translation of the example into English

Each type is presented in a small table structured as follows:

Argument Structure of the matrix clause	Properties of the embedded infinitive clause
Example (e.g., ”han kommer til å sove rolig”)	
Gloss (e.g., “he come-PRES to INF sleep quietly”)	
English translation (e.g., ‘he will be sleeping quietly’)	

Explanation of specifications in the right column – properties of the infinitive:

- GF: Extrapos-subj The infinitive is in extraposed position, linked to subject position
- GF: Extrapos-obj The infinitive is in extraposed position, linked to object position
- GF: P-gov The infinitive is governed by preposition
- GF: Vcomp The infinitive is a complement of the matrix verb
- GF: Subj The infinitive is subject of the matrix verb
- GF: Obj The infinitive is object of the matrix verb
- GF: SecPred The infinitive is secondary predicate of the matrix verb

- Control + The infinitive is controlled
- Control - The infinitive is not controlled

(Explanation of specifications in the left column – for argument structure of the matrix clause – is given at the end.)

v-intrObl-oblEqSuInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf - (Future)
han kommer til å sove rolig	
he come-PRES to INF sleep quietly	
'he will be sleeping quietly'	
v-intrExpn-oblAbsinf	GF: Extrapos-subj, Control -, Bareinf -
det hjelper å sette seg ned	
PRON.EXPL help-PRES INF set REFL down	
'it helps to sit down'	
v-intrObl-oblEqSuInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
han håper på å kunne komme	
he hope-PRES on INF could come	
'he hopes to be able to come'	
v-intrObl-oblEqSuInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -, Aspect: Habitual
Ola driver med å skrive rapporter	
Ola keep-PRES with INF write reports	
'Ola is occupied with writing reports'	
v-intrPrtc1Obl-oblEqSuInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -, Aspect: Activity
Ola driver på med å skrive et haiku	
Ola keep-PRES on with INF write a haiku	
'Ola is engaged in writing a haiku'	
v-intrObl-oblAbsinf	GF: P-gov, Control -, Bareinf -
de snakker om å reise til Mars	
they talk-PRES about to travel to Mars	
'they talk about travelling to Mars'	
v-intrOblExlnkk-oblExlnkAbsinf	GF: P-gov & Extrapos, Control -, Bareinf -
det haster med å rydde	
PRON.EXPL hasten-PRES with INF tiden	
'it is urgent that it gets tidied up'	
v-intrObl-oblRaisSuInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf -
han later til å sove	
he appears to INF sleep	
'he appears to be sleeping'	
v-intrPrtc1Obl-oblRaisSuInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf -
han ser ut til å sove	
he looks out to INF sleep	
'he appears to be sleeping'	

v-intrScpr-scSuNrg_scBareinf	GF: SecPred, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf + (epistemic modal)
han kan komme	
he can-PRES INF come	
'he can come'	
v-intrScpr-scSuNrg_scInf	GF: SecPred, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf -
han synes å sove	
he seem-PRES INF sleep	
'he seems to sleep'	
v-intrAuxmodComp-obEqSuBareinf	GF: Vcomp, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf + (root modal)
Kari kan padle	
K. can paddle	
'Kari knows how to paddle'	
v-tr-suAbsinf	GF: Subj, Control -, Bareinf -
Å bygge høyhus interesserer Kari	
INF build highrise-PL interest-PRES K.	
'Building highrises interests Kari'	
v-tr-obEqSuInf	GF: Vcomp, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
Kari prøver å sove	
K. try-PRES INF sove	
'Kari tries to sleep'	
v-trExpnSu-expnEqInf	GF: Extrapos-subj, Control +, Controlled_by: Obj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
det behager meg å sitte bakerst	
it please-PRES me INF sit in-the-rear	
'it pleases me to sit in the rear'	
v-trExpnSu-obMeas_expnAbsinf	GF: Extrapos-subj, Control -, Bareinf -
det tar to timer å gå dit	
it take—PRES two hours INF go there	
'it takes two hours to go there'	
v-trExpnOb-expnAbsinf	GF: Extrapos-obj, Control -, Bareinf -
vi umuliggjør det å komme	
we impossible-make-PRES it INF come	
'we make it impossible to come'	
v-trNrfObl-oblEqSuInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
Ola finner seg i å vente	
O. find-PRES REFL in INF wait'	
'Ola accepts waiting'	

v-trNrfScpr-obRefl_scSuNrg_scInf	GF: SecPred, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf -
han viser seg å være forutinntatt	
he show-PRES REFL INF be biased	
'he turns out to be biased'	
v-trNrfScpr-obRefl_scSuNrg_scBareinf	GF: SecPred, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf +
stjernen lot seg se	
star-DEF let-PAST REFL see'	
'it became possible to see the star'	
v-trObl-oblEqSuInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
han bønnfalt meg om å få komme	
he beg-PAST me about INF be-allowed come	
'he begged me to be allowed to come'	
v-trObl-oblEqObInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
han bønnfalt meg om å gå	
he beg-PAST me about INF go	
'he begged me to go'	
v-trObl-obReflExpl_oblEqSuInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj=Obj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
han forplikter seg til å komme	
he commit-PRES REFL to INF come	
'he commits himself to coming'	
v-trObl-oblAbsinf	GF: P-gov, Control -, Bareinf -
vi forteller barna om å bygge høyhus	
we tell-PRES child-PL.DEF about INF build highrises	
'we tell the children about building highrises'	
v-trPrtcl-obEqSuInf	GF: Vcomp, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
Kari fant på å spille fløyte	
K. find-PAST on INF play flute	
'Kari hit upon playing flute'	
v-trScpr-scSuNrg_scInf	GF: SecPred, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf -
han synes meg å være kvalifisert	
he seem-PRES me INF be qualified	
'he seems to me to be qualified '	
v-trScpr-scObNrg_scInf	GF: SecPred, Control +, Controlled_by: Obj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf -
jeg forutsetter ham å være kvalifisert	
I presuppose-PRES him INF be qualified	*The type features verbs of propositional attitude. The

	construction has a stiff feel to it, but is fluent in passive.
'I presuppose him to be qualified'	
v-trScpr-scObNrg_scBareinf	GF: SecPred, Control +, Controlled_by: Obj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf +
jeg ser ham ligge	
I see-PRES him lie	
'I see him lying'	
v-trScpr-scPP_scRaisObInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Obj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf -
jeg anser Ola for å være kvalifisert	
I regard-PRES O. for INF be qualified	
'I regard Ola as being qualified'	
v-trScpr-scPP_scRaisObInf	GF: P-gov, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj=Obj, Control-type: Rais, Bareinf -
hun anser seg for å være kvalifisert	
she regard-PRES REFL for INF be qualified	
'she regards herself as qualified'	
v-ditr-suAbsinf	GF: Subj, Control -, Bareinf -
å gå tur gir ham styrke	
INF walk tour give-PRES him strength	
'walking walks gives him strength'	
v-ditr obEqSuInf	GF: Vcomp, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
Kari lover ham å komme	
K. promise-PRES him INF come	
'Kari promises him to come'	
v-ditr-obEqIobInf	GF: Vcomp, Control +, Controlled_by: Obj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
Kari tillater ham å komme	
K. allow-PRES him INF come	
'Kari allows him to come'	
v-ditr-iobRefl-obEqIobInf	GF: Vcomp, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj=Obj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
hun tillater seg å komme	
K. allow-PRES REFL INF come	
'Kari allows herself to come'	
v-ditr-obEqIobBareinf	GF: Vcomp, Control +, Controlled_by: Obj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf +
Kari ber ham komme	
K. ask-PRES him come	
'Kari asks him to come'	
v-ditrExpnSu-obMeas_expnEqSuInf	GF: Extrapos-subj, Control +, Controlled_by: Obj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -

det tar meg to timer å gå dit	
it take-PRES me two hours INF go there	
'it takes me two hours to go there'	
v-ditrNrf-iobRefl-obEqSuInf	GF: Vcomp, Control +, Controlled_by: Subj=Obj, Control-type: Equi, Bareinf -
han foresetter seg å komme	
he plan-PRES REFL INFcome	
'he plans to come'	
v-copAdj-suAbsinf	GF: Subj, Control -, Bareinf -
å løpe er sunt	
INF run is healthy	
'running is healthy'	
v-copN-suAbsinf	GF: Subj, Control -, Bareinf -
å kjøre karusell var en fornøyelse	
INF go merry-go-round was a pleasure	
'it was a pleasure to go with the merry-go-round'	
v-copPP-suAbsinf	GF: Subj, Control -, Bareinf -
å synge klubsanger er under vurdering	
INF sing team songs is under consideration	
'it's being considered whether to sing team songs'	
v-copPredprtcl-suAbsinf	GF: Subj, Control -, Bareinf -
å danse folkedans var som en drøm	
INF dance folk dance was like a dream	
'dancing folk dance was like a dream'	
v-copExpnAdj-expnAbsinf	GF: Extrapos-subj, Control -, Bareinf -
det er fint å være friskmeldt	
it is fine INF be healthy-declared	
'it is nice to be declared healthy'	
v-copExpnN-expnAbsinf	GF: Extrapos-subj, Control -, Bareinf -
det er en kunst å spise torsk	
it is an art INF eat cod	
'it is an art to eat cod'	
v-copIdAbsinf	GF: Vcomp, Control -, Bareinf -
oppgaven er å spise silden	
task-DEF is INF eat herring-DEF	
'the task is to eat the herring'	
v-copIdN-suAbsinf	GF: Subj, Control -, Bareinf -
å spise sild blir den siste oppgaven	
INF eat herring becomes the last task	
'eating herring will be the last task'	
v-copIdAbsinf-suAbsinf-obAbsinf	GF: Subj & Obj, Control - & -, Bareinf - & -
å ære kystkulturen er å spise sild	
INF honor coastal-culture-DEF is INF eat herring	

'honoring the coastal culture is eating herring'	
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Explanation of specifications in left column – argument structure of the matrix clause:

v-intrExpn	Intransitive with Extraposed clause
v-intrObl	Intransitive with Oblique
v-intrPrtclObl	Intransitive with Particle and Oblique
v-intrOblExlnk	Intransitive with Oblique containing Extraposed clause
v-intrScpr	Intransitive with Secondary Predicate
v-tr	Transitive (subject and object)
v-trScpr	Transitive with Secondary Predicate
v-trExpnSu	Transitive with subject-linked Extraposed clause
v-trExpnSu-obMeas	Transitive with subject-linked Extraposed clause and a Measure expression as Object
v-trExpnOb	Transitive with object-linked Extraposed clause
v-trObl	Transitive with Oblique
v-trNrfObl	Transitive with Oblique, and non-argument object
v-trNrfScpr	Transitive with Secondary Predicate, and non-argument object
v-trPrtcl	Transitive with Particle
v-trScpr-scPP	Transitive with Secondary Predicate, with a PP as Secondary Predicate
v-ditr	Ditransitive
v-ditr-iobRefl	Ditransitive, with a reflexive as Indirect Object
v-ditrExpnSu-obMeas	Ditransitive with subject-linked Extraposed clause and a Measure expression as Object
v-ditrNrf-iobRefl	Ditransitive, with a non-argument reflexive as Indirect Object
v-copAdj	Copula with predicative AP
v-copN	Copula with predicative Noun
v-copPP	Copula with predicative PP
v-copPredprtcl	Copula with predicative Particle phrase
v-copExpnAdj	Copula with predicative AP and Extraposed clause as logical subject
v-copExpnN	Copula with predicative NP and Extraposed clause as logical subject

v-copIdAbsinf

Identity Copula with non-controlled infinitive as complement

v-copIdN

Identity Copula with NP as complement