

LESSON THIRTY-TWO

THE INFINITIVE

In this lesson we are going to study the INFINITIVE.

An INFINITIVE is a VERBAL NOUN.

Since they have the nature of verbs, they have:

- 1) TENSE
- 2) VOICE
- 3) MOOD

Infinitives also have the nature of nouns. A noun is the name of:

- 1) A PERSON
- 2) A PLACE
- 3) A THING

In summary, an INFINITIVE expresses the name of the action in a sentence.

THE TENSE OF THE INFINITIVE

The tense of the INFINITIVE is expressed in the PRESENT and AORIST tenses.

PRESENT INFINITIVE

The PRESENT infinitive expresses continuous action without regard to time, i.e. past, present, or future.

AORIST INFINITIVE

The AORIST infinitive expresses a single act without regard to time, i.e. past, present, or future.

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THE PRESENT INFINITIVE - expresses continuous action.

The present infinitive is formed upon the present stem.

ACTIVE λύειν = to loose

MIDDLE λύεσθαι = to loose for one's self

PASSIVE λύεσθαι = to be loosed

THE AORIST INFINITIVE - expresses a single act.

The aorist active and middle infinitives are formed upon the aorist stem (-σα).

The aorist passive infinitive is formed upon the aorist passive stem (the lengthened -θη).

ACTIVE λύσαι = to loose

MIDDLE λύσασθαι = to loose for one's self

PASSIVE λυθήναι = to be loosed

THE SECOND AORIST INFINITIVE

The second aorist infinitive is formed upon the second aorist stem, but as with the subjunctive mood, has the present infinitive endings.

THE NEGATIVE OF THE INFINITIVE

The negative of the infinitive is μή.

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THE USES OF THE INFINITIVE

1) WHEN USED AS A NOUN

THE ARTICULAR INFINITIVE

The Greek infinitive can also be expressed with the article like any other noun. When used with the article, the infinitive takes the neuter article and is classified as a neuter noun.

EXAMPLE: τὸ λύειν = to loose, or the act of loosing

ARTICULAR INFINITIVE AFTER PREPOSITIONS

EXAMPLES:

1) ἐν τῷ λύειν = in or during the process of loosing - while loosing

2) διὰ τὸ λυθῆναι = on account of the act of being loosed

2) WHEN USED AS PART OF A VERB

EXAMPLE:

ἐν	τῷ	λέγειν	αὐτοὺς	ταῦτα,	ὁ	Κύριος	ἀπῆλθεν.
in	the	to say	them	these things,	the	Lord	went away.

“While they were saying these things, the Lord went away.”

When used as part of a verb, the subject of the infinitive is in the ACCUSATIVE CASE.

3) INDIRECT DISCOURSE

Indirect discourse, that is making reference to what someone has said without presenting an exact quote, is sometimes expressed by the INFINITIVE and the ACCUSATIVE.

EXAMPLE:

οἱ	ἄνθρωποι	ἔλεγον	αὐτὸν	εἶναι	τὸν	προφήτην.
the	men	were saying	him	to be	the	prophet.

“The men were saying he was the prophet.”

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EXERCISE ONE

PRONUNCIATION EXERCISES

In this exercise we are going to study the INFINITIVE in the text of John 1:1-18. The material that we have studied in Lessons 11-31 is now underlined and PARSED in the text. It would be beneficial for you to take the charts on INFINITIVES, page 50, out of the Charts Section Notebook for reference as we go through this exercise.

Line 1: (1) ^{PREP. W/DAT.(18)} Ἐν ^{DAT.S.F. 1 DEC.N.(14)} ἀρχῆ ^{3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν ^{NOM.S.M. ART.(13)} ὁ ^{NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} λόγος, ^{CONJ.} καὶ
In beginning was the word, and

Line 2: ^{NOM.S.M. ART.(13)} ὁ ^{NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} Λόγος ^{3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν ^{PREP. W/ACC.(18)} πρὸς ^{ACC.S.M. ART.(13)} τὸν ^{ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} Θεόν
the Word was with the God,

Line 3: ^{CONJ.} καὶ ^{NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} Θεὸς ^{3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν ^{NOM.S.M. ART.(13)} ὁ ^{NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} λόγος. (2) ^{NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(21)} οὗτος
and God was the word. this one

Line 4: ^{3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν ^{PREP. W/DAT.(18)} ἐν ^{DAT.S.F. 1DEC.N.(14)} ἀρχῆ ^{PREP. W/ACC.(18)} πρὸς ^{ACC.S.M. ART.(13)} τὸν ^{ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} Θεόν.
was in beginning with the God.

Line 5: (3) πάντα ^{PREP. W/GEN.(18)} δι' ^{GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)} αὐτοῦ ^{3PERS.SING. 2AOR.MID.IND.(36)} ἐγένετο, ^{CONJ.} καὶ ^{PREP. W/GEN.(18)} χωρὶς
all things through him became, and without

Line 6: ^{GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)} αὐτοῦ ^{3PERS.SING. 2AOR.MID.IND.(36)} ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἐν ὃ γένονεν.
him became not even one thing which has become.

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 7: (4) ^{PREP. W/DAT.(18)} ἐν ^{DAT.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)} αὐτῷ ^{NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(14)} ζωῇ ^{3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν, ^{CONJ.} καὶ ^{NOM.S.F. ART.(13)} ἡ ^{NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(14)} ζωῇ
in him life was, and the life

Line 8: ^{3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν ^{NOM.S.N. ART.(13)} τὸ ^{NOM.S.N. 3DEC.N.(39)} φῶς ^{GEN.PL.M. ART.(13)} τῶν ^{GEN.PL.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} ἀνθρώπων,
was the light of the men,

Line 9: (5) ^{CONJ.} καὶ ^{NOM.S.N. ART.(13)} τὸ ^{NOM.S.N. 3DEC.N.(39)} φῶς ^{PREP. W/DAT.(18)} ἐν ^{DAT.S.F. ART.(13)} τῇ ^{DAT.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)} σκοτία
and the light in the darkness

Line 10: ^{3 PERS.SING. PRES.ACT.IND.(10)} φαίνει, ^{CONJ.} καὶ ^{NOM.S.F. ART.(13)} ἡ ^{NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)} σκοτία ^{ACC.S.N. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)} αὐτὸ ^{PARTICLE} οὐ
shines, and the darkness it not

Line 11: ^{3PERS.SING. 2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)} κατέλαβεν. (6) ^{3PERS.SING. 2AOR.MID.IND.(36)} Ἐγένετο ^{NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} ἄνθρωπος ἀπεσταλμένος
overtake. Became man having been sent

Line 12: ^{PREP. W/GEN.(18)} παρὰ ^{GEN.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} Θεοῦ, ^{NOM.S.N. 3DEC.N.(40)} ὄνομα ^{DAT.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)} αὐτῷ ^{NOM.S.M. 1DEC.N.(30)} Ἰωάννης. (7) ^{NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(21)} οὗτος
from God, name to him John. this one

Line 13: ^{3PERS.SING. 2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)} ἦλθεν ^{PREP. W/ACC.(18)} εἰς ^{ACC.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)} μαρτυρίαν, ^{CONJ.} ἵνα ^{3PERS.SING. AOR.ACT.SUBJ.(48)} μαρτυρήσῃ ^{PREP. W/GEN.(18)} περὶ
came for testimony, that he might testify concerning

Line 14: ^{GEN.S.N. ART.(13)} τοῦ ^{GEN.S.N. 3DEC.N.(39)} φωτός, ^{CONJ.} ἵνα πάντες ^{3PERS.PL. AOR.ACT.SUBJ.(48)} πιστεύσωσι ^{PREP. W/GEN.(18)} δι’
the light, that all might believe through

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 15: <sup>GEN.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτοῦ. (8) ^{PARTICLE} οὐκ <sup>3PERS.SING.
IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</sup> ἦν <sup>NOM.S.M.
DEM.PRO.(22)</sup> ἐκεῖνος <sup>NOM.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τὸ <sup>NOM.S.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> φῶς,
him. not was that one the light,

Line 16: ^{CONJ.} ἀλλ’ ^{CONJ.} ἵνα <sup>3PERS.SING.
AOR.ACT.SUBJ.(48)</sup> μαρτυρήσῃ <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> περὶ <sup>GEN.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τοῦ <sup>GEN.S.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> φωτός.
but that he might testify concerning the light.

Line 17: (9) <sup>3PERS.SING.
IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</sup> Ἦν <sup>NOM.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τὸ <sup>NOM.S.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> φῶς <sup>NOM.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τὸ <sup>NOM.S.N.
ADJ.(16)</sup> ἀληθινόν, ὃ
He was the light the true, which

Line 18: <sup>3 PERS. SING.
PRES.ACT.IND.(10)</sup> φωτίζει <sup>ACC.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> πάντα <sup>ACC.SING.M.
PRES.MID.PART.(42)</sup> ἄνθρωπον <sup>PREP.
W/ACC.(18)</sup> εἰς
enlightens every man coming into

Line 19: <sup>ACC.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> τὸν <sup>ACC.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> κόσμον. (10) <sup>PREP.
W/DAT.(18)</sup> ἐν <sup>DAT.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> τῷ <sup>DAT.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> κόσμῳ <sup>3PERS.SING.
IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</sup> ἦν, ^{CONJ.} καὶ
the world. in the world he was, and

Line 20: <sup>NOM.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> ὁ <sup>NOM.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> κόσμος <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> δι’ <sup>GEN.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτοῦ <sup>3PERS.SING.
2AOR.MID.IND.(36)</sup> ἐγένετο, ^{CONJ.} καὶ
the world through him became, and

Line 21: <sup>NOM.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> ὁ <sup>NOM.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> κόσμος <sup>ACC.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτὸν ^{PARTICLE} οὐκ <sup>3PERS.SING.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> ἔγνω. (11) <sup>PREP.
W/ACC.(18)</sup> εἰς
the world him not knew. into

Line 22: <sup>ACC.PL.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τὰ <sup>ACC.PL.N.
ADJ.(17)</sup> ἴδια <sup>3PERS.SING.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> ἦλθε, ^{CONJ.} καὶ <sup>NOM.PL.M.
ART.(13)</sup> οἱ <sup>NOM.PL.M.
ADJ.(17)</sup> ἴδιοι
the things his own he came, and the ones his own

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 23: <sup>ACC.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτὸν ^{PARTICLE} οὐ <sup>3PERS.PL.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> παρέλαβον. (12) <sup>NOM.PL.M.
REL.PRO.(62)</sup> ὅσοι ^{CONJ.} δὲ <sup>3PERS.PL.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> ἔλαβον
him not they received. as many as but received

Line 24: <sup>ACC.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτόν, <sup>DAT.PL.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> ἔδωκεν <sup>DAT.PL.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτοῖς <sup>ACC.S.F.
1DEC.N.(15)</sup> ἐξουσίαν <sup>NOM.PL.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> τέκνα <sup>GEN.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> Θεοῦ
him, He gave to them authority children of God

Line 25: ^{AOR.MID.INF.(50)} γενέσθαι, <sup>DAT.PL.M.
ART.(13)</sup> τοῖς <sup>3 PERS.PL.
PRES.ACT.IND.(10)</sup> πιστεύουσιν <sup>PREP.
W/ACC.(18)</sup> εἰς <sup>ACC.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τὸ <sup>ACC.S.N.
3DEC.N.(40)</sup> ὄνομα
to become, to the ones believing into the name

Line 26: <sup>GEN.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτοῦ· (13) <sup>NOM.PL.M.
REL.PRO.(62)</sup> οἱ ^{PARTICLE} οὐκ <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> ἐξ <sup>GEN.PL.N.
3DEC.N.(40)</sup> αἱμάτων, οὐδὲ
of him; who not out of bloods, neither

Line 27: <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> ἐκ <sup>GEN.SING.N.
3DEC.N.(40)</sup> θελήματος <sup>GEN.S.F.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> σαρκός, οὐδὲ <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> ἐκ <sup>GEN.SING.N.
3DEC.N.(40)</sup> θελήματος
out of will of flesh, nor out of will

Line 28: <sup>GEN.S.M.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> ἀνδρός <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> ἀλλ’ <sup>GEN.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> ἐκ Θεοῦ <sup>3PERS.PL.
AOR.PASS.IND.(37)</sup> ἐγεννήθησαν. (14) ^{CONJ.} Καὶ
of man, but out of God were born. And

Line 29: <sup>NOM.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> ὁ <sup>NOM.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> λόγος <sup>NOM.S.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> σὰρξ <sup>3PERS.SING.
2AOR.MID.IND.(36)</sup> ἐγένετο, ^{CONJ.} καὶ <sup>3PERS.SING.
AOR.ACT.IND.(33)</sup> ἑσκήνωσεν
the word flesh became, and tabernacled

Line 30: <sup>PREP.
W/DAT.(18)</sup> ἐν <sup>DAT.PL.
1P.PER.PRO.(19)</sup> ἡμῖν, ^{CONJ.} καὶ <sup>1PERS.PL.
AOR.MID.IND.(34)</sup> ἑθεασάμεθα <sup>ACC.S.F.
ART.(13)</sup> τὴν <sup>ACC.S.F.
1DEC.N.(15)</sup> δόξαν
among us, and we beheld the glory

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 31: <sup>GEN.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτοῦ, <sup>ACC.S.F.
1DEC.N.(15)</sup> δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> παρὰ <sup>GEN.S.M.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> Πατρός,
of him, glory as of an only begotten from father,

Line 32: πλήρης <sup>GEN.S.F.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> χάριτος ^{CONJ.} καὶ <sup>GEN.SING.F.
1DEC.N.(15)</sup> ἀληθείας. (15) <sup>NOM.S.M.
1DEC.N.(30)</sup> Ἰωάννης
full of grace and truth. John

Line 33: <sup>3 PERS.SING.
PRES.ACT.IND.(10)</sup> μαρτυρεῖ <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> περὶ <sup>GEN.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτοῦ, ^{CONJ.} καὶ κέκραγε <sup>NOM.SING.M.
PRES.ACT.PART.(41)</sup> λέγων,
testifies concerning him, and has cried saying,

Line 34: <sup>NOM.S.M.
DEM.PRO.(21)</sup> Οὗτος <sup>3PERS.SING.
IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</sup> ἦν ὃν <sup>1PERS.SING.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> εἶπον, <sup>NOM.S..M.
ART.(13)</sup> Ὁ ὀπίσω <sup>GEN.SING.
1P.PER.PRO.(19)</sup> μου
This One was whom I said, the One after of me

Line 35: <sup>NOM.SING.M.
PRES.MID.PART.(42)</sup> ἐρχόμενος <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> ἔμπροσθέν μου <sup>GEN.SING.
1P.PER.PRO.(19)</sup> γέγονεν· ὅτι
coming before me has become; because

Line 36: <sup>NOM.S.M.
ADJ.(16)</sup> πρῶτός <sup>GEN.SING.
1P.PER.PRO.(19)</sup> μου <sup>3PERS.SING.
IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</sup> ἦν. (16) ^{CONJ.} καὶ <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> ἐκ <sup>GEN.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τοῦ
first of me he was. and out of the

Line 37: <sup>GEN.S.N.
3DEC.N.(40)</sup> πληρώματος <sup>GEN.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτοῦ <sup>NOM.PL.
1P.PER.PRO.(19)</sup> ἡμεῖς πάντες <sup>1PERS.PL.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> ἐλάβομεν,
fullness of him ourselves all we received,

Line 38: ^{CONJ.} καὶ <sup>ACC.S.F.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> χάριν <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> ἀντὶ <sup>GEN.SING.F.
3DEC.NOUN.(39)</sup> χάριτος. (17) ὅτι <sup>NOM.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> ὁ
and grace succeeding grace. because the

Line 39: <sup>NOM.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> νόμος <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> διὰ Μωσέως ἐδόθη, <sup>NOM.S.F.
ART.(13)</sup> ἡ <sup>NOM.S.F.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> χάρις
law through Moses was given, the grace

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 40: ^{CONJ.} καὶ ^{NOM.S.F. ART.(13)} ἡ ^{NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)} ἀλήθεια ^{PREP. W/GEN.(18)} διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ
and the truth through Jesus Christ

Line 41: ^{3PERS.SING. 2AOR.MID.IND.(36)} ἐγένετο. (18) ^{ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} Θεὸν οὐδείς έώρακε πώποτε·
became. God no one has seen at any time;

Line 42: ^{NOM.S.M. ART.(13)} ὁ μονογενῆς ^{NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} υἱός, ^{NOM.S.M. ART.(13)} ὁ ^{NOM.SING.M. PRES.ACT.PART.(41)} ὢν ^{PREP. W/ACC.(18)} εἰς ^{ACC.S.M. ART.(13)} τὸν
the only begotten son, the one being into the

Line 43: ^{ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} κόλπον ^{GEN.S.M. ART.(13)} τοῦ ^{GEN.S.M. 3DEC.N.(39)} Πατρός, ^{NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(22)} ἐκεῖνος ^{3PERS.SING. AOR.MID.IND.(34)} έξηγήσατο.
bosom of the Father, that one declared (Him).

You should study this exercise while going on to Lesson 33 and the study of CONTRACT VERBS and the IMPERATIVE MOOD.