

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 |
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| 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:

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| 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.)

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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |

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| 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' | |

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| 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 |

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| | 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 - |

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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| v-copAdj-suAbsinf | GF: Subj, Control -, Bareinf - |
| å løpe er sunt | |
| INF run is healthy | |
| 'running is healthy' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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' | |
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| 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 | |

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

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| 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