

2.3 Infinitives

	Active	Middle [deponent]	Passive
Present	λύειν	λύεσθαι	---
Future	λύσειν	λύσεσθαι	λυθήσεσθαι
Aorist	λύσαι	λύσασθαι	λυθῆναι
Perfect	λελυκέναι	λελύσθαι	λελύσεσθαι

Uses of the Infinitive

1. DYNAMIC [CGCG 51.8-18]
 - a. Complementary
 - i. Necessary to complete the meaning of the verb [OBJ]
 - ii. It does not usually have its own subject
 - iii. Negated by μή
 - iv. With modals, verbs of knowing, intending, wishing, ordering, being able, forcing, learning, etc. [κελεύω is very common]
 - b. Subject of Impersonal constructions
 - c. Epexegetical Infinitive [explanatory]
 - i. May modify verbs to express purpose [ADV] [51.16]
 - ii. May modify adjectives or nouns, like the accusative of respect [51.9][ADV/ATR]
2. DECLARATIVE [CGCG 51.19-27]
 - a. Indirect Statements
 - b. Infinitive acts as OBJ of the verb of saying, thinking, believing, etc.
 - c. Has its own subject in accusative
3. ARTICULAR/Substantive [CGCG 51.38-46]
 - a. Use neuter singular article: τό, τοῦ, τῷ, τό [sometimes omitted]
 - b. Treat the entire infinitive clause as a noun/substantive
4. Result Clauses after ὅστε = potential result = ADV [ch. 46]

Common Infinitives

a. Sorted alphabetically by form

	Form	Lemma	Meaning	Freq
ἀδικεῖν	pres act	ἀδικέω	do wrong	10
ἀκολουθεῖν	pres act	ἀκολουθέω	follow	13
ἀπιέναι	pres act [MI]	ἄπειμι or ἀφίημι	go <i>or</i> send	19
ἀποκτείνειν	aor act	ἀποκτείνω	kill	13
βοηθεῖν	pres act	βοηθέω	help	29
γενέσθαι	aor dep	γίγνομαι	become	38
διδόναι	pres act [MI]	δίδωμι	give	11
εἰδέναι	perf act	οἶδα [IRR]	know	11
εἶναι	pres act [MI]	εἰμί	be necessary	267
εἶπεῖν	aor act	εἶπον [IRR]	say	16
ἔσσεσθαι	fut mid	εἰμί	be	19
ἔχειν	pres act	ἔχω	have, hold	34
ἡγεῖσθαι	pres dep	ἡγέομαι	lead	16
ἰέναι	pres act [MI]	εἶμι	come	17
λαβεῖν	aor act	λαμβάνω	take	13
λέγειν	pres act	λέγω	say	22
μάχεσθαι	pres dep	μάχομαι	fight	17
παραδοῦναι	aor act [MI]	παραδίδωμι	hand over	10
πέμπειν	pres act	πέμπω	send	10
πλεῖν	pres act	πλέω	sail	10
ποιεῖν	pres act	ποιέω	make	39
ποιεῖσθαι	pres mp	ποιέω	make	17
ποιῆσαι	aor act	ποιέω	make	10
ποιήσασθαι	aor mid	ποιέω	make	13
ποιήσειν	fut act	ποιέω	make	10
πολεμεῖν	pres act	πολεμέω	make war	16
φυλάττειν	pres act	φυλάττω	guard	10
χρῆναι	pres act	χρή	be necessary	10
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b. Sorted by frequency

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ἡγεῖσθαι	pres dep	ἡγέομαι	lead	16
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ἀκολουθεῖν	pres act	ἀκολουθέω	follow	13
ἀποκτείνειν	aor act	ἀποκτείνω	kill	13
λαβεῖν	aor act	λαμβάνω	take	13
ποιήσασθαι	aor mid	ποιέω	make	13
διδόναι	pres act [MI]	δίδωμι	give	11
εἰδέναι	perf act	οἶδα [IRR]	know	11
ἀδικεῖν	pres act	ἀδικέω	do wrong	10
παραδοῦναι	aor act [MI]	παραδίδωμι	hand over	10
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