

Using infinitives

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Reflexive pronoun at the end of an infinitive

- A **reflexive pronoun** can go at the end of an **infinitive** or before a conjugated verb. The meaning does not change.

Yo no quiero **afeitarme** hoy. = Yo no **me** quiero **afeitar** hoy.

I don't want to shave today.

Acabar de

- To say what someone just did, use the present tense of **acabar de** followed by an **infinitive**.

Acabo de lavar el carro. Los niños **acaban de acostarse**.
I just washed my car. *The children just went to bed.*

Prepositions before infinitives

- Use the preposition **para** before an infinitive to explain your purpose for doing something.
- Verbs after prepositions and prepositional phrases such as **para**, **antes de** and **después de** are in the **infinitive**.

Tengo que levantarme temprano **para levantar** pesas con Ana en el gimnasio.

I have to get up early (in order) to . . .