USOS DEL INFINITIVO

INFINITIVE = VERB, right?

NO.

An infinitive can be used in different capacities grammatically.

INFINITIVE =   **SUBJECT**
                    DIRECT OBJECT
                    OBJECT OF A PREPOSITION

SUBJECT: Infinitives are used as an *idea* or *concept*.

> Ej: **Ganar dinero** es necesario.   Es necesario **ganar dinero**.

It's not that I'm actually earning money (verb). I've taken the infinitive and described the *idea* that it represents, just as with any other noun.

> example: Money is necessary.

The money is necessary. It is necessary money. I describe 'money' with the adjective 'necessary'. 'To earn money is necessary. It is necessary to earn money.' I describe the *idea* 'to earn money'(ganar dinero) with the adjective 'necessary.' (see first example)

DIRECT OBJECT: Infinitives *come directly after* a TRANSITIVE verb.

> Ex: Necesito **ganar dinero**.

'Necesito' requires a direct object because *things* are *needed*. What do I need? Who do I need? Some *thing* has to follow the verb 'necesitar'.

example: I need money.

What is needed? *Money*. Therefore, money is the direct object. **'Ganar dinero'** is also a direct object. 'Necesito ganar dinero'. What is needed? To earn money (ganar dinero). Therefore, 'ganar dinero' is the direct object.

OBJECT OF A PREPOSITION: Infinitives will *complete* a PREPOSITIONAL phrase.

> Ex: Voy para ganar dinero

I am going in order to earn money. **'Ganar dinero'** comes after the preposition *'para'* to complete the prepositional phrase. The infinitive will express a *purpose*.

Other examples: Salgo para ir al cine. Paso a hablarte. Camino para hacer ejercicio.