

More on infinitives of purpose

GRAMMAR

LEVEL
Intermediate

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B1_2055G_EN

LANGUAGE
English





Goals

- Can provide a simple explanation of infinitives of purpose and their uses, with examples.
- Can accurately choose between 'for +ing' and 'to + infinitive' in a range of straightforward sentences.





If you are learning English **to be** able to travel the world, it might be good **for you to** learn local customs.

You should learn to eat a full English breakfast **so as to** be friends with a real life Brit.

However, **in order to** be friends with an American, you should eat bagels instead.





Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson you are going to review how to use the **infinitive of purpose** to talk about why we do something.



I'm learning English **to** get a promotion.



Review of infinitives of purpose

- We use the **infinitive of purpose (to + infinitive)** when we say **why** we do something.
- We can use it in **any tense**.

Action	Why
I did an internship	to get some experience.
I moved abroad	to learn a new language.
I am being transferred to another office	to head a new team.
I am learning English	to help me in my career.
I will speak to my boss	to find out why he wants me to move abroad.



Review of infinitives of purpose

- We can also put the **infinitive of purpose** before the **main verb**.



To learn a new language, I moved abroad.

To help me in my career, I'm learning English.





Review of infinitives of purpose

We can use the phrases ***in order to*** and ***so as to*** as part of an infinitive of purpose.

- They **do not change the meaning** of the sentence.
- We use them more in **writing** than in speaking.

Action	Why
I'm doing a student exchange	in order to immerse myself in the culture.
I took an internship abroad	so as to improve my intercultural communication skills.
I go to Malta in the winter	in order to escape the bad weather in the UK.
So as to be near my partner,	I am moving to Spain.
In order to learn about new cultures,	I took a gap year.



Review of infinitives of purpose

- We can use the phrases *in order to* and *so as to* in the negative.

She spoke quietly **so as not to** wake the children.

I have English lessons every week **in order not to** forget the language.

I don't spend the winters in the UK **so as not to** experience the bad weather.





Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the words on the right.

1. I went to university _____ a degree.
2. I decided to take a gap year _____ time deciding what I wanted to do with my life.
3. I don't drink coffee at night _____ kept awake.
4. _____ myself in a new culture, I became a language assistant.
5. _____ trouble sleeping, I don't watch horror films.

in order to spend

In order not to have

to get

to immerse

so as not to be



Find the mistakes

Find the mistakes in the sentences and correct them.

1. They went on holiday to a small cottage in Scotland for relax.
2. I read books in English to improving my language.
3. I want to spend a year living in the USA so order to get to know the culture.
4. We whisper when the baby is asleep not so as to wake him.
5. He held her hand for calming her down.



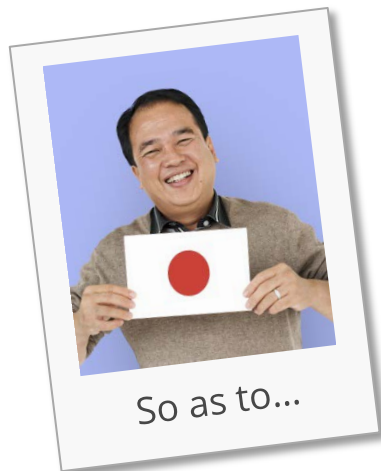
Why do we go to these places?





Why learn languages?

Why are you learning English?



Why do people learn other languages?



Speaking

Why do you think people do these things?

take a year off
when they turn
30

do a student
exchange in a
foreign country

retire abroad

do an internship
with an
international
company



For + ing

- We use *for + ing* to **express** the **function** of something.

We use a knife	for cutting bread.
A camera is	for taking photos.
A backpack is	for carrying our things around.
I carry nuts and popcorn with me	for snacking on the go.



For + noun

- We can also use *for + noun* to express **why** we **do something** or **why** we **have something**.

I keep a first aid kit with me for emergencies.

I went to the supermarket for fruit.

I am going to Malta for an English course.

I'm going to the USA for a student exchange.





***For* + noun/pronoun + infinitive**

- We can also use the structure ***for* + noun/pronoun + infinitive** to express **purpose**.

- I thought it would be good **for her to learn** English.
- It would be great **for his confidence to spend** a year abroad.
- It was good **for my career to move** to the Sydney office.





Fill in the gaps

Choose the correct option to fill the gaps.

1. We use a television for _____ (watch/watching) TV.
2. A hot water bottle is _____ (for/to) warming you up when you are cold.
3. A wardrobe is for _____ (stored/storing) clothes.
4. We go to a supermarket _____ (for/to) food.
5. It would be good for _____ (him/he) to learn English.
6. It was good for my relationship _____ (to move/moving) to Spain.



Speaking

What do we use these things for?





Speaking

What could you do which would be
good for:

- your career?
- your health?
- your family life?



Speaking

Why do people usually go to these countries?



People go to Spain for a holiday on the beach.



Visitors go to Japan for the cultural experience.



All about my gap year...

Write a message to your friend, they would like to know more about your gap year! Be sure to include the reasons why you decided to go to your chosen country. You could also mention some of the things you do in your spare time.

I did farm work **in order to** get the second year visa.

Everyone goes to the city **for** sightseeing.



Blank lined writing area for the message.



Game

Sunglasses

- Describe an object and say what it is used for.
- Your classmates have to guess what the object is.

They are for protecting a part of your body...



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no



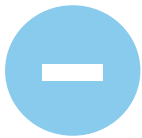


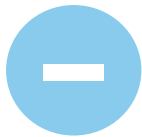
Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?









If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again





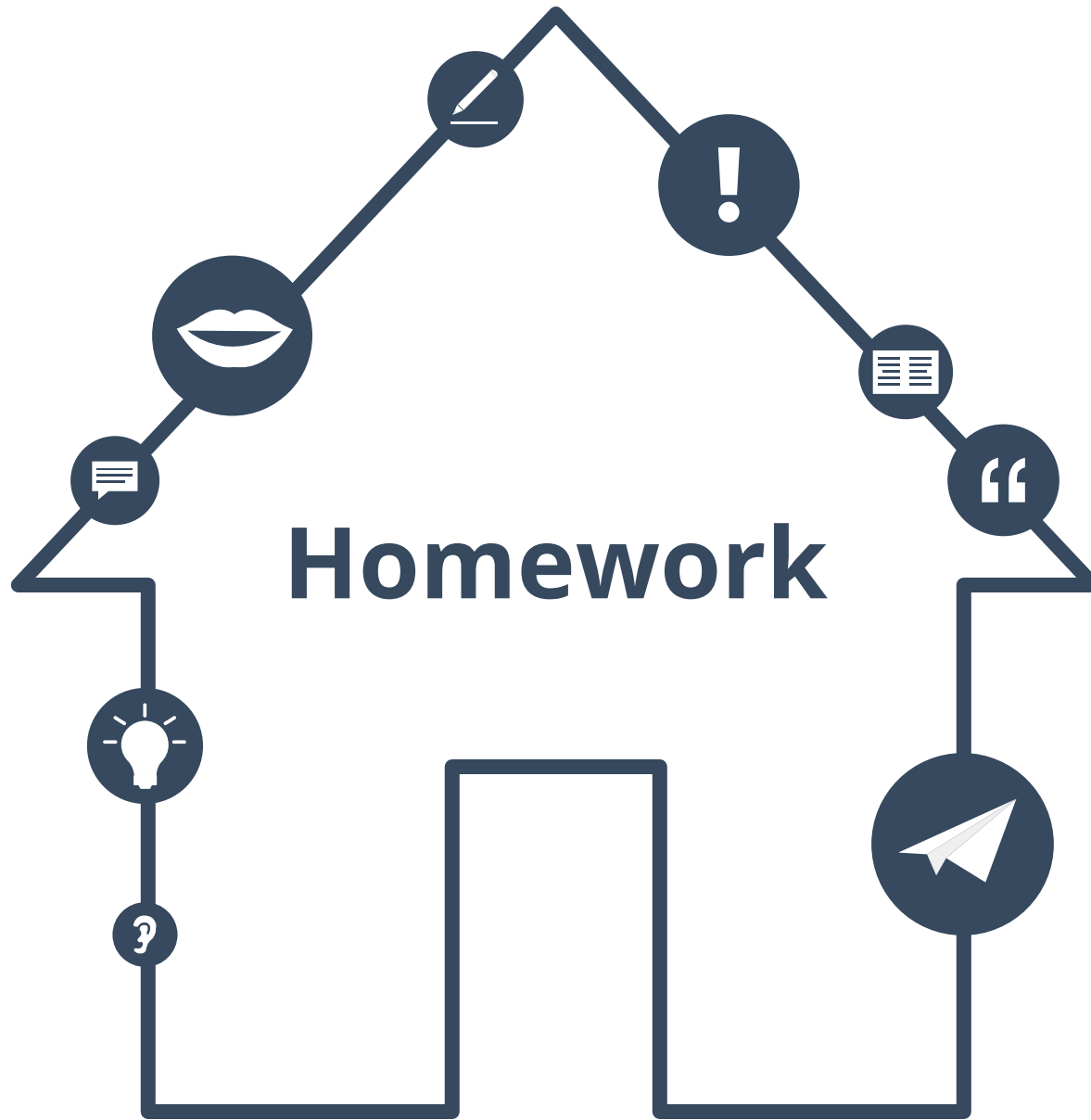
Answer key

Exercise p. 17

1. watching, 2. for, 3. storing, 4. for, 5. him, 6. to move

Exercise p. 9

1. to get, 2. in order to spend time, 3. so as not to be, 4. To immerse, 5. In order not to have





Unscramble

A

to do

on the Internet

I went

some online shopping.

B

to spend some time

It would be

good for her

living abroad.

C

get a degree,

university.

In order to

I went to

D

we had 200

So as not to

guests at our wedding.

offend anyone,



Complete the sentences

Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

1. People move abroad to...
2. Children learn foreign languages so as to...
3. A camera is for...
4. It would be good for me to...
5. I try to get 8 hours sleep per night in order to...



Homework answer key

Exercise p. 26

- A. I went on the internet to do some online shopping.
- B. It would be good for her to spend some time living abroad.
- C. In order to get a degree, I went to university.
- D. So as not to offend anyone, we had 200 guests at our wedding.



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