

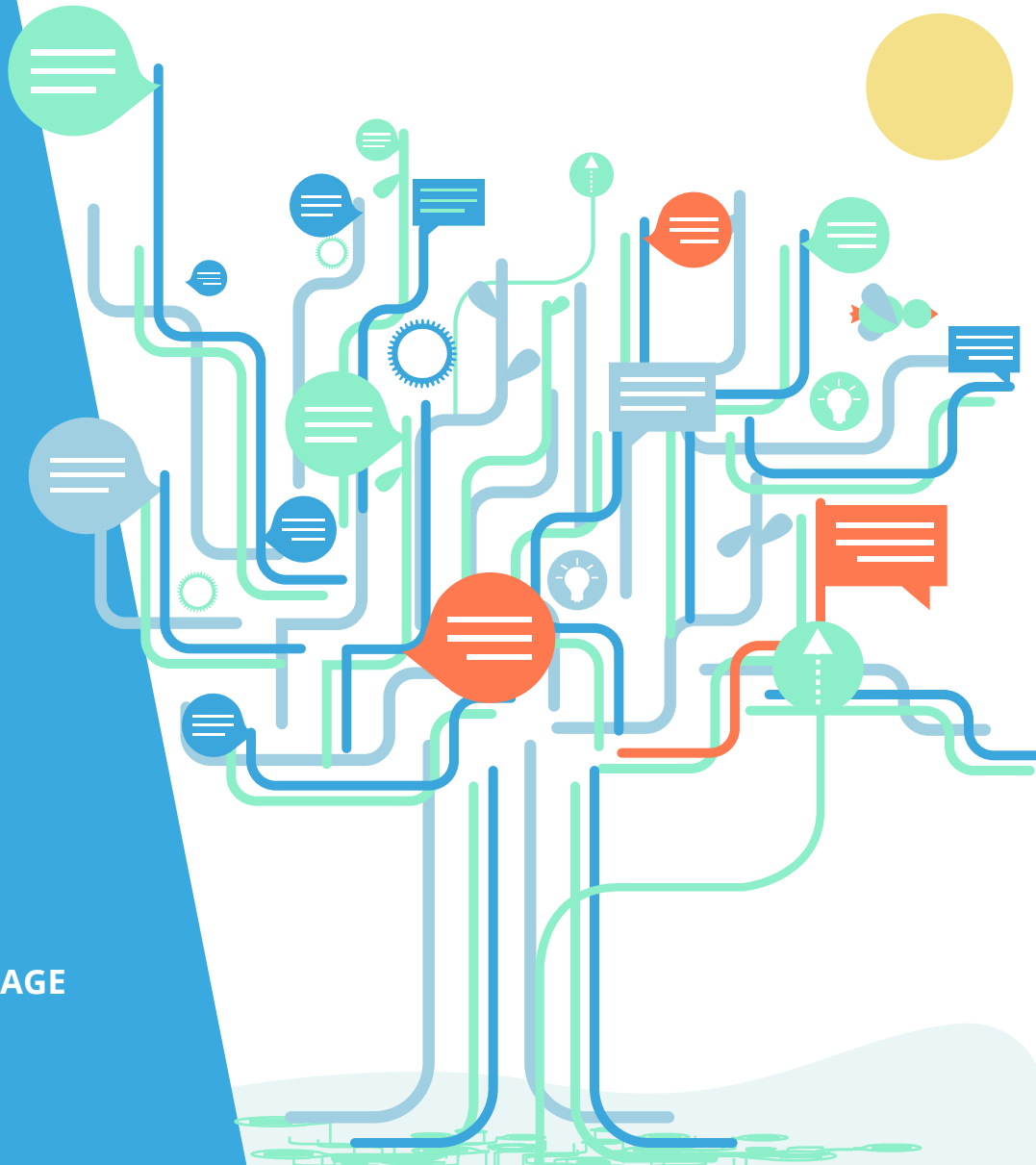
The infinitive of purpose

GRAMMAR

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Beginner

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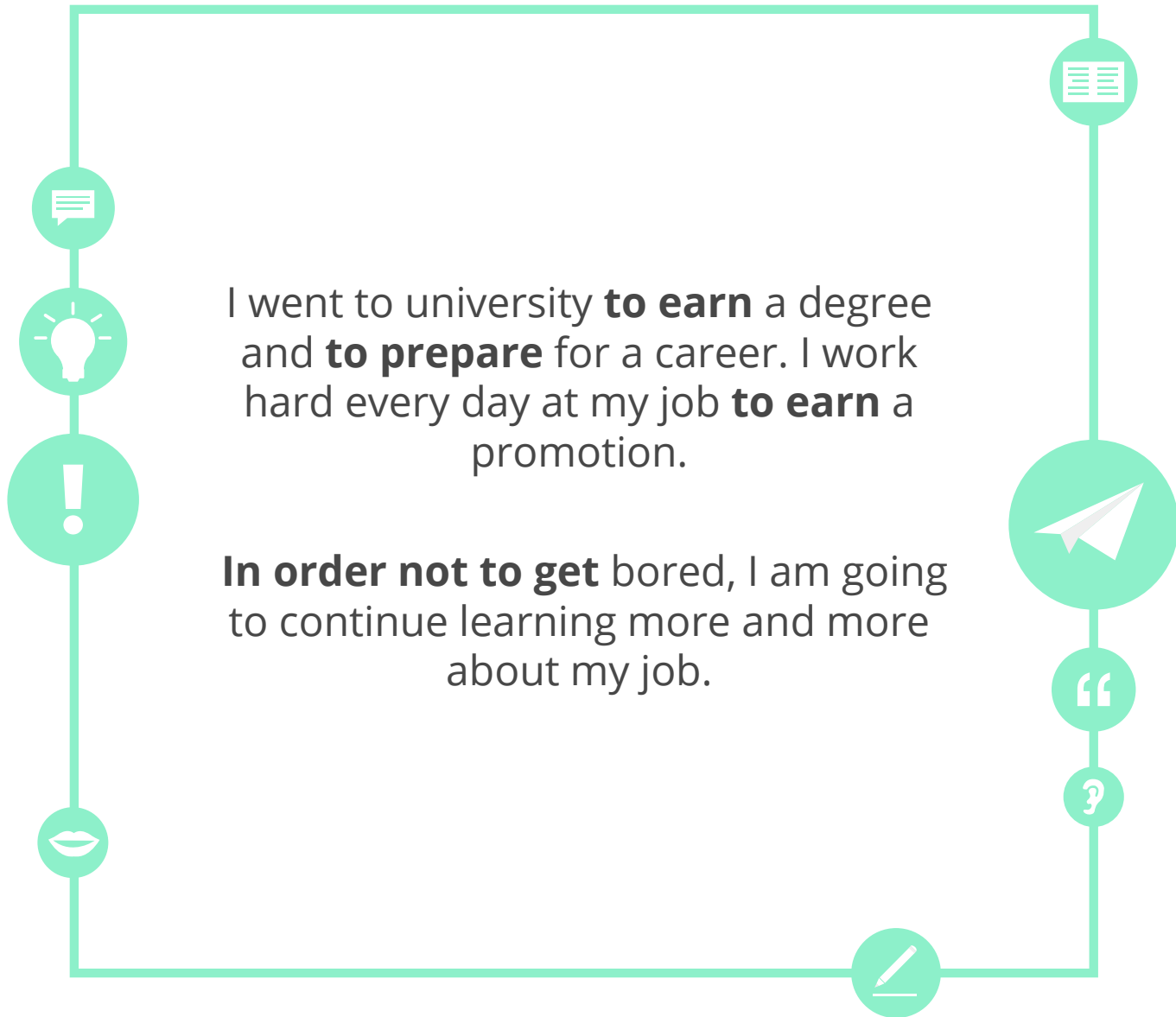




Goals

- Can use the infinitive of purpose in a simple sentence.
- Can effectively use the infinitive of purpose to discuss plans, goals and ambitions.





I went to university **to earn** a degree and **to prepare** for a career. I work hard every day at my job **to earn** a promotion.

In order not to get bored, I am going to continue learning more and more about my job.



The infinitive of purpose

- What do you already know about the **infinitive of purpose**? Tell your teacher!



We went to the coast for a week **to relax**.



Infinitive of purpose

- We use infinitives to show purpose or why we are doing something.

what we are doing	why we are doing it
I read a book...	to relax.
You play football...	to have fun.
She goes to the gym...	to get more exercise.
We need more money...	to pay our rent.
They travel around the world...	to meet new people and to learn new languages.



Infinitives of purpose

- Infinitives of purpose tell the reason why we are doing something.



She started volunteering at the hospital **to meet** more people and **to help** others.



Verb tenses

- We can use the infinitive of purpose with a main verb in any tense.

main verb tense	main verb	infinitive of purpose
present simple	I watch news on TV...	to keep up with current events.
past simple	I went to university...	to get an education.
present continuous	I am working hard...	to earn a promotion.
present perfect	I have gone to Paris...	to see the Louvre.
future	I will go to St. Petersburg...	to visit the Hermitage.



Word order

- We can use the infinitive of purpose before or after the main verb.

after main verb	before main verb
I read a book to relax in the evening.	To relax in the evening, I read a book.
We left work early to avoid traffic.	To avoid traffic, we left work early.
You'll need to plan extra time to view the whole exhibit.	To view the whole exhibit, you'll need to plan extra time.



Match the pictures to the sentences

1. They ride a bike to get fresh air.

2. I have been to the zoo to see a giraffe.

3. He used sand to build a castle.

4. We met to discuss the budget.

5. She is drinking water to cool off.

6. I will use my credit card to pay for that.

A



C



E



B



D



F





Complete the sentences

1. I went to China...

a. to have dinner.

2. To get to work on time,

b. to help my family pay their bills.

3. We are meeting at the restaurant...

c. you need to leave home at seven o'clock.

4. To enjoy this beautiful day,

d. to walk on the Great Wall.

5. I will look for a job...

e. we are going to the park after work.



Fill in the blanks

1. To _____ the door, turn the doorknob.
2. To pass the test, you _____ a score of 60% or higher.
3. We _____ packing our furniture to move to a new house.
4. They want to save more money _____ travel more often.
5. She drove all the way to the beach to _____ the ocean.
6. To learn English, I _____ going to London for a month.



are

to

see

need

am

open



Practice time

Look at the infinitives of purpose below.
Make sentences about yourself!



to relax

to improve my
English

to stay healthy

to save money



Additional phrases

- We can use **so as** or **in order** with the infinitive of purpose.
 - These phrases don't change the meaning.
 - These phrases don't change the structure.

main verb	additional phrase	infinitive of purpose
I read a book	in order	to relax.
I am working hard	so as	to earn a promotion.



Negatives

- We can make the infinitive of purpose negative by using these additional phrases and **not**.
 - **Not** always goes after the additional phrase and before the infinitive of purpose.

main verb	additional phrase + not	infinitive of purpose
I read a book	in order not	to fall asleep.
I am working hard	so as not	to get fired.



Negatives

- **Not** always comes after the additional phrase and before the **infinitive of purpose**:



Please be quiet when you come in so as **not to wake** my daughter.



Word order with additional phrases and *not*

- We can use the negative infinitive of purpose before or after the main verb.

after main verb	before main verb
I read a book in order not to fall asleep at night.	In order not to fall asleep at night, I read a book.
I am working hard so as not to get fired.	So as not to get fired, I am working hard.



Are these infinitives of purpose positive or negative?

	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
1. I'm going to Japan in order to eat a lot of sushi.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. So as not to eat too much sushi, I'm only getting one roll.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. In order not to lose my passport, I'm packing it in my suitcase.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. So as to get a better job, I'm going back to university for another degree.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I'm going to study hard in order not to get poor grades.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Making plans for tonight



**to watch
watching**

Let's go to the cinema
_____ a film tonight.

**laugh
to laugh**

OK. We're not seeing a horror
movie. We can watch a comedy
_____ a lot instead.

**as not to
not as to**

So _____ miss the film,
I checked yesterday. They're
showing comedies every night
to draw in a younger crowd.

**in order to
in order not
to**

Sure, there's a showing at 9
o'clock. Let's take the subway
_____ avoid traffic.

That sounds fun. In
_____ to get scared, we
won't see a horror movie.

**order not
not order**

Good idea. Do you want to
check the schedule
_____ which films are
playing tonight?

**to see
sees**

Great. _____ time for
dinner in a nice restaurant first,
we should see a later film.

**To have
Having**



Answer these questions with an infinitive of purpose

1. Why did you go to university?



I went to university to earn a degree and to get a better job.

2. Why do you work hard at your job?



3. Why do you read books?



4. Why do you want a bigger house?



5. Why do you exercise?



6. Why are you learning English?



7. Why are you going on holiday?



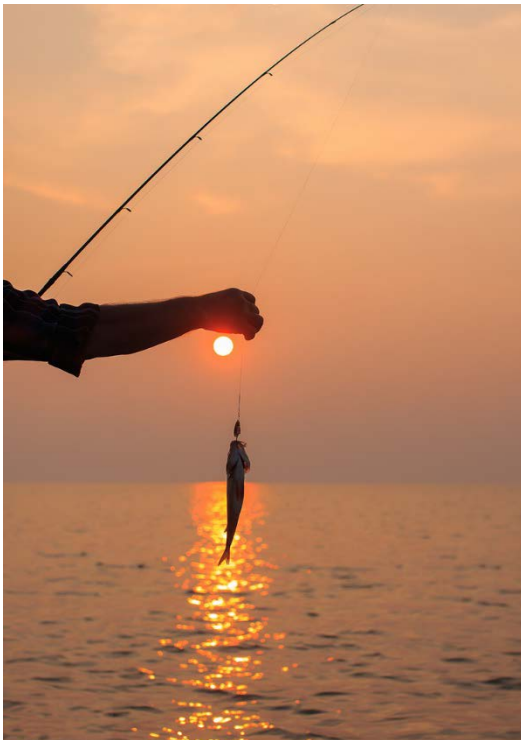
8. Why do you go into the city?





We're going on holiday!

Talk about your plans for an upcoming holiday using the present continuous for future arrangements and the infinitive of purpose.



Where are you going? Why are you going there?

How are you getting there? Why are you using that form of transportation?

What are you seeing while you're there? Why are you seeing those places or things?



Guess what I'm doing!

I'm doing this to
lose weight and to
get in shape.

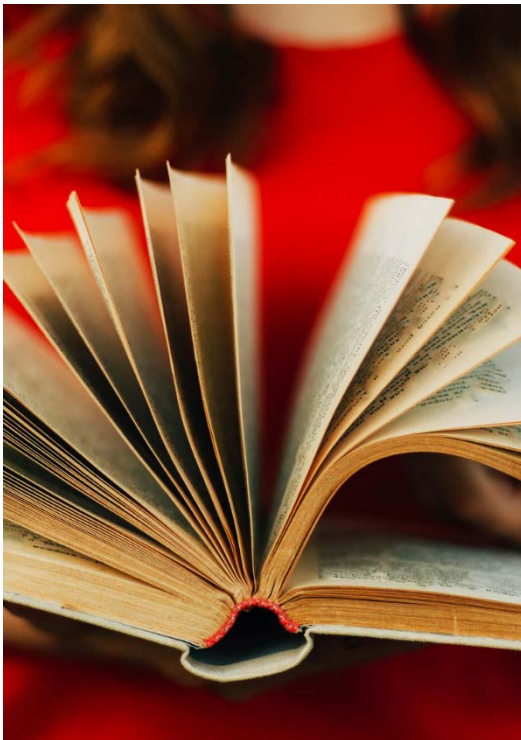
Describe why you're doing something without saying what you're doing. Have your teacher or a classmate guess what you're doing. Keep going by taking turns and describing different activities.

Are you exercising?



Explain to your new friend the alien

You have made friends with an alien! However, life on Earth is very confusing for him. Can you explain why people are doing the activities in the boxes below? Use infinitives of purpose!



sleeping

going on
holiday

playing tennis

going to work

reading a book

learning English



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



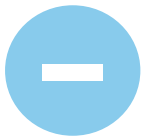


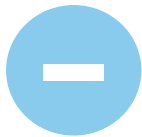
Reflect on this lesson

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

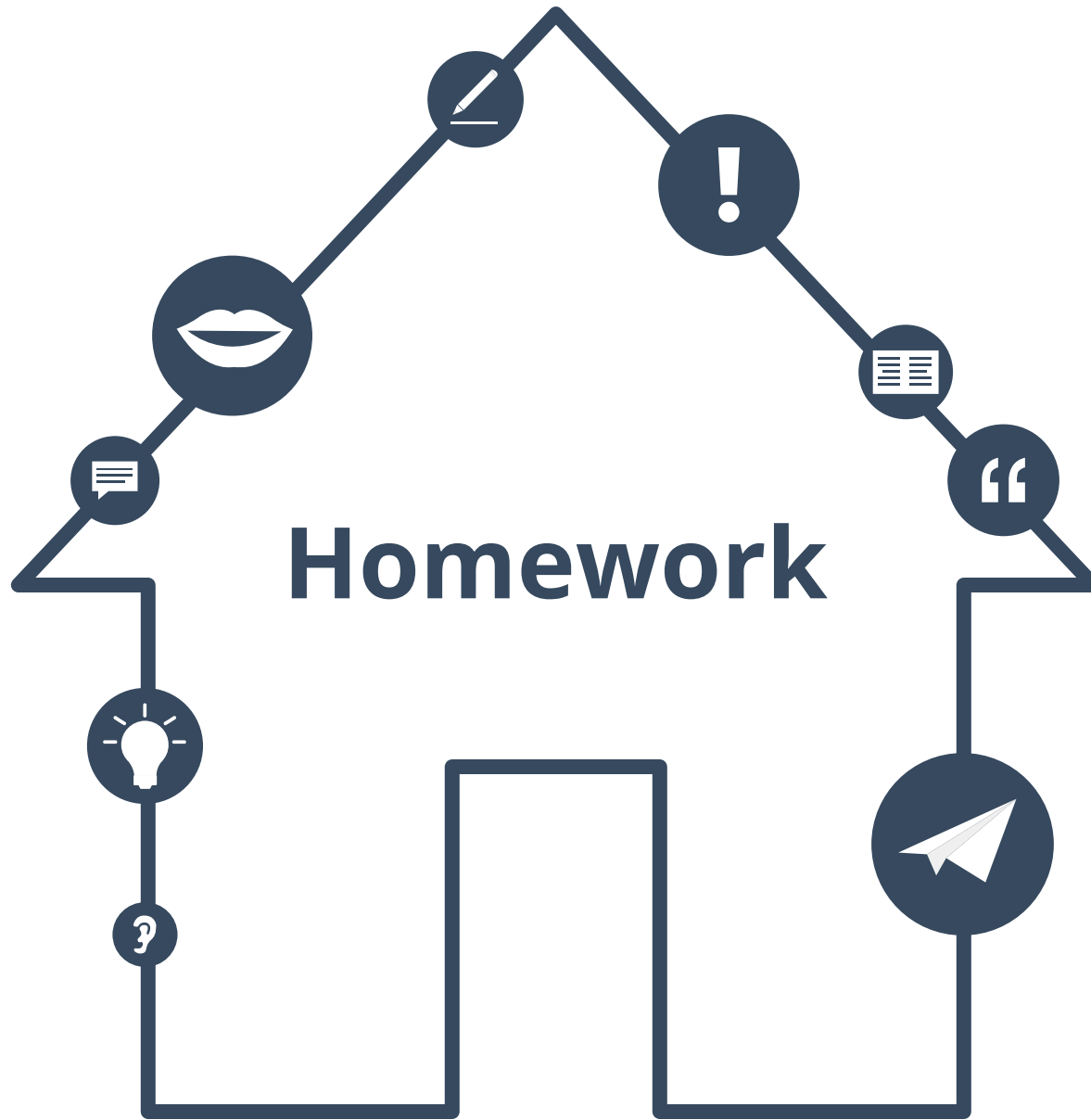
Exercise p. 9
1e, 2f, 3c, 4d, 5a, 6b

Exercise p. 10
1d, 2c, 3a, 4e, 5b

Exercise p. 11
1. open, 2. need, 3. are, 4. to, 5. see, 6. am

Exercise p. 17
1. positive 2. negative 3. negative 4. positive 5. negative

Exercise p. 18
to watch, order not, to laugh, to see, as not to, To have, in order to





Fill in the gaps

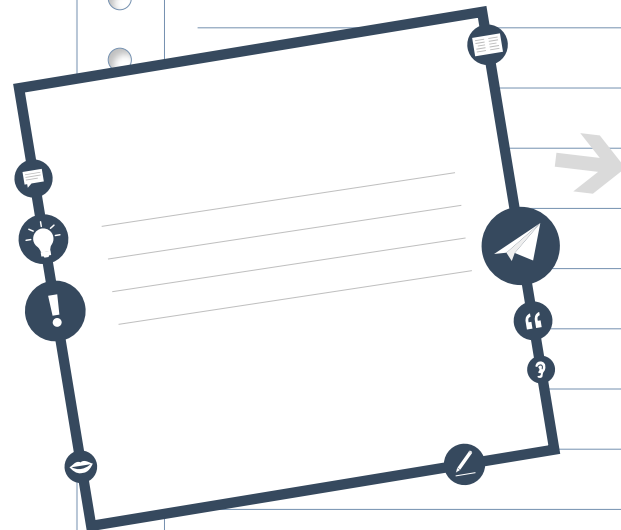
1. He bought flowers _____ to his wife.
2. She wrote a card _____ thank you for the gift.
3. They went out to dinner _____ their anniversary.
4. He ordered a large meal _____ hungry during the film.
5. She ordered a salad _____ gain weight by eating too much.
6. They enjoyed the film and then walked home _____ more time to talk with each other.





Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3
and find examples of
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text
that are examples of
topic of the lesson.



Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.
Copy them and write them about you and a friend.**





Examples:





I don't understand



→ My friend Maria and I don't understand.



He has a book



→ We have a book





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Easy or difficult?

Is the grammar topic of this lesson...
easy or difficult?

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

A vertical rectangular area with a light gray background, a dark gray border on the left, and horizontal lines for writing. The left edge has a series of small circles, suggesting a spiral binding.



Homework answer key

Exercise p. 27
1. to give 2. to say 3. to celebrate 4. so as not to be 5. in order not to 6. in order to have

