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EXPRESSING PURPOSE

To / in order to / so as to

Use **to**, **so as to**, and **in order to**, to express purpose in the affirmative form.

Affirmative form is a way of expressing a positive statement or conforming something, we state something true or valid.

Examples:

- He is looking for a part time job **to** save some pocket money.
- She wakes up early **in order** to be on time to school.
- They visited him **so as to** offer their condolences for the death of his wife.

Use **so as not to** and **in order not to**, to express purpose in the negative form.

Negative form we express the opposite or denial of something.it is a way of negating or denying a statement .

Examples:

- They woke up early **in order not to** be late.
- She studies very hard every day **so as not to** fail her exams.

Purpose with so that

You can also express purpose with **so that**. In this case, you generally need to use a modal.

The most commonly used modals are **shall, should, will, would, can, could, may, might, must, have to, ought to, used to**.

Examples:

- He turned down the music **so that** he would not disturb the neighbors.
- He got a visa **so that** he can travel to the USA.
- He decided to stay in England for a while **so that** he could practice his English.

Exercise 01: Choose the correct expression of purpose

- a. Concentrate on your exercise _____ make any mistakes.
- b. You have to register _____ participate in the forum.
- c. I will go to university _____ continue my studies.
- d. She works hard _____ she can earn a living.
- e. Some people do not eat before exercises _____ feel nauseated.

Answer key:

- a- So as not to**
- b- In order to**
- c- To**
- d- So that**
- e- In order not to**