

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.

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.

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.

Examples:

- He turned down the music **so that** he wouldn't 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. She left work early _____ be at home when he arrives.
- d. I will go to university _____ continue my studies.
- e. She works hard _____ she can earn a living.
- f. These men risk their lives _____ we may live more safely.
- g. _____ you can produce a good essay, you need to edit your writing before you handit in.
- h. _____ wake up the baby, I tiptoed into the room.
- i. I am planning to move house _____ be closer to my place of work.
- j. I went to his office _____ meet him.

Exercise02: Rewrite the sentences below using to, in order not to, so that...

a. I sent her a bunch of flowers because I wanted to make it up with her.

b. I entered Mr Green's office because I wished to talk to him.

c. I came back because I had to take care of my parents

d. She winked at me because she wanted to let me know that she was joking.

e. I have come because I'd like to give you a piece of advice.

Answer key

Exercise 01:

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j
So as not to	In order to	to	to	So that	So that	So that	In order not to	In order to	to

Exercise 02:

- a. I sent her a bunch of flowers **to** make it up with her.
- b. I entered Mr Green's office **in order to** talk to him.
- c. I came back **so that** I can take care of my parents.
- d. She winked at me **to** let me know that she was joking.
- e. I have come **in order to** give you a piece of advice.