

CLAUSES OF PURPOSE

[WHAT FOR?]

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| (NOT) TO + INFINITIVE | AFFIRMATIVE / NEGATIVE (same subject) | I'm saving money to buy a new car. |
| IN ORDER (NOT) TO + INFINITIVE SO AS (NOT) TO + INFINITIVE | AFFIRMATIVE / NEGATIVE (same subject) | I'm saving money in order to /so as to buy a car. I'm studying hard in order not to / so as not to fail. |
| SO THAT + CLAUSE IN ORDER THAT + CLAUSE Reminder! Main Verb Present → Clause verb WILL/CAN Main Verb Past → Clause verb WOULD/COULD | Usually followed by a modal verb (same/different subjects) | I'm saving money so that you can/will buy a car. I'm saving money in order that you can/will buy... I saved money so that you could/would buy a car. |

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WITH ONE OF THE CONNECTORS ABOVE.

- I've been exercising a lot **IN ORDER TO** keep fit.
- Jane bought a car **TO** get around more quickly.
- He set the alarm clock for 7:00 **SO AS NOT TO** oversleep.
- He's staying on in Australia **TO** perfect his English.
- My mother has stopped buying sweets **IN ORDER NOT TO** put on weight.
- My mother stopped buying sweets **SO THAT** we wouldn't put on weight.
- She uses her tablet **SO THAT** she can download the podcast of her favourite programmes.
- She uses her tablet **IN ORDER TO** download the podcast of her favourite programmes.
- TO** turn on this machine, press the power button.
- We moved house last year **IN ORDER NOT TO LIVE** far from our children.
- We are going to leave before the rush hour **NOT** to get stuck in a traffic jam.
- We are going to leave before the rush hour **SO THAT** they won't have to wait for us.
- Jane bought a car **SO THAT** she could get around more quickly.
- I gave the constructor a cheque in advance **NOT** to delay the building work.
- I went to bed early. I would be able to get up early.
I went to bed early in order to **GET UP EARLY**.
- I've brought an old photograph. You can see how beautiful the place is.
I've brought an old photograph **SO THAT** you can see how beautiful the place is.
I've brought an old photograph **TO** show you how beautiful the place is.
- Cyclists should wear orange coats **SO THAT** drivers can see them more easily.
- The test questions are kept secret **TO** prevent cheating.
- We ran to the station **IN ORDER NOT TO** miss the train.
- He hid behind the door **NOT TO** be seen.
- Paul often goes to bed early **SO AS** to get plenty of sleep.
- She worked harder **IN ORDER NOT TO** fail her exams again.
- I phoned my grandmother **SO THAT** she wouldn't feel so lonely.
- She arrived home early **SO AS NOT TO** have any more problems with her parents.
- I'm going to close the door **SO THAT** the dog won't sneak into my bed.



TRANSFORMATIONS

Join the sentences by means of a **purpose connector**: make all the changes you consider necessary.

1. He takes an hour's walk every day: he is very fit.
... **TO BE / KEEP FIT.**
2. My dad didn't want us to know about their fight, so he changed the subject.
HE CHANGED THE SUBJECT SO THAT WE WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT THEIR FIGHT.
3. Kate phoned Sean: she wanted him to come to her party.
... **SO THAT HE WOULD COME TO HER PARTY / TO INVITE HIM TO HER PARTY.**
4. James works overtime: he needs to improve his situation.
... **TO IMPROVE HIS SITUATION.**
5. Betty took a taxi to work. She didn't want to be late again.
... **IN ORDER NOT TO BE LATE AGAIN.**
6. He is speaking louder. Otherwise, his students can't hear what he is saying.
... **SO THAT THEY WILL HEAR WHAT HE IS SAYING.**
7. The robbers were wearing a mask. It was not possible for the police to recognise them.
... **SO THAT THE POLICE COULD NOT RECOGNISE THEM.**
8. Our teachers always take work home. They are always ready for our lessons.
... **TO BE READY FOR OUR LESSONS.**
9. Ships carry lifeboats. This way, the passengers can save their lives if the ship sinks.
... **SO THAT PASSENGERS WILL / CAN SAVE THEIR LIVES IF THE SHIP SINKS.**
10. We could forward her letters to her new address because she had given us all the details.
SHE GAVE US HER NEW ADDRESS SO THAT WE COULD FORWARD HER LETTERS.
11. I'll fasten the donkey: I don't want it to escape.
... **SO THAT IT WON'T ESCAPE.**
12. Our boss is always early because he wants us to be early too.
... **SO THAT WE WILL BE EARLY TOO.**
13. My friends saw me because I was waving my arms.
I WAS WAVING MY ARMS SO THAT MY FRIENDS COULD / WOULD SEE ME.