

### GRAMMAR

# PURPOSE CLAUSES

## • TO, IN ORDER TO AND SO AS TO

We use to, in order to and so as to to express purpose in the affirmative form.

#### Structure: To/ In order to/ So as to + infinitive

#### **Examples**

- 1) He is looking for a part time job **to** <u>save</u> some pocket money.
- 2) She wakes up early in order to be on time to work.
- 3) They visited him **so as to** <u>offer</u> their condolences for the death of his wife.

We use *in order not to and so as not to* to express purpose in the negative form.

#### Structure: In order not to/ So as not to + infinitive

#### Examples

- 1) They woke up early **in order not to** <u>be</u> late.
- 2) She exercises regularly so as not to get fat.

### SO THAT

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

### <u>Structure</u>: So that + subject + verb (usually a modal)

#### **Examples**

- 1) He turned down the music **so that** <u>he wouldn't</u> disturb the neighbours.
- 2) He got a visa **so that** <u>he can</u> travel to the USA.
- 3) He decided to stay in England for a while **so that** <u>he could</u> practice his English.

# • FOR

Purpose can be also expressed by using <u>for</u>. For may be followed by either a noun or a verb + ing.

# Structure: For + noun/ verb -ing

## **Examples**

- 1) I stopped there for <u>a chat</u>. (noun)
- 2) This mop is for <u>cleaning</u> the floor. (verb –ing)

## WORKSHEET

- 1) Fill in the gaps with *to, in order to, so as to, in order not to, so as not to, so that* and *for.* In some sentences, more than one answer is correct.
- 1. Concentrate on your exercise...... make any mistakes.
- 2. You have to wake up.....arrive to school on time.
- 3. You have to register.....participate in the forum.
- 4. She left work early.....be at home when he arrives.
- 5. Ships carry life boats.....the crew can escape if the ship sinks.
- 6. I will go to university.....continue my studies.
- 7. He exercises regularly.....be overweight.
- 8. .....you can produce a good essay, you need to edit your writing before you hand it in.
- 9. She works hard.....earn a living.
- 10. These men risk their lives......we can live more safely.
- 11. This string is.....tying up boxes.