Infinitive of Purpose Worksheet: To, In Order To, For

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Remember

Form	Example
to + base verb (why we do something)	I went to the shop to buy milk.
in order to + verb (more formal)	We left early in order to avoid traffic.
for + noun	She went to the doctor for a check-up.
so that + subject + can / will	I'll write it down so that I don't forget.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
I came here for learn English.	I came here to learn English.
She went out for buying bread.	She went out to buy bread.
I'm saving for to buy a car.	I'm saving to buy a car. / I'm saving for a car.

1. Complete

Complete with to or for.

1. I called her _____ say happy birthday.
2. We went to the market _____ some vegetables.
3. He studies at night _____ pass his exams.
4. She went to Italy _____ a holiday.
5. I use this app _____ learn new words.
6. Let's stop _____ a coffee.
7. They moved to the city _____ find work.
8. I'm going to the gym _____ a yoga class.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. I went to the bank (to get / for get) some cash.
2. She's learning English (for / to) work abroad.
3. We left early (in order to / in order for) catch the train.
4. I wrote it down (so that / to) I wouldn't forget.
5. He went out (for / to) a walk.
6. I need a knife (to cut / for cut) the bread.
7. They saved money (to buy / for buying) a house.
8. She called (for / to) ask about the price.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. I came to London for study.

2. She went to the shop for buy milk.

3. We went out to dinner to celebrate it for my birthday.

4. He works hard for to earn money.

5. I turned on the light for to see better.

6. I'm here for meeting the manager.

Writing

Explain why you do 6 things in your week. Use to, for and so that at least once each.

Speaking

- Why are you learning English? Give two reasons.
- What do you use your phone for? Give three examples.
- Where did you go last week, and why?
- What are you saving money for?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 to · 2 for · 3 to · 4 for · 5 to · 6 for · 7 to · 8 for

2. Choose: 1 to get · 2 to · 3 in order to · 4 so that · 5 for · 6 to cut · 7 to buy · 8 to

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 I came to London to study. · 2 She went to the shop to buy milk. · 3 We went out to dinner to celebrate my birthday. · 4 He works hard to earn money. · 5 I turned on the light to see better. · 6 I'm here to meet the manager.

Writing, model answer: I go to the gym on Mondays to stay fit. I call my grandmother every Wednesday to see how she is. On Thursdays I go to the market for fresh fruit. I study English in the evening so that I can get a better job. I read before bed to relax. On Saturdays I meet my friends for lunch.