

# Purpose

## Remember this:

so that + subject + can + Verb ← if the verb is in Simple Present  
 + could + Verb ← if the verb is in Simple Past

By "purpose" we mean the objective that I want to achieve, for example, I am saving money so as to buy a car. My objective is buying a car. There are different ways to express this purpose.

- to
- so as (not) to
- in order (not) to
- for + verb + ing (or noun)
- so that + subject + can + Verb ← if the verb is in Simple Present.
- so that + subject + could + Verb ← if the verb is in Simple Past.

**Example:** *I am saving money. I want to buy a car.*

- I am saving money **to buy** a car.
- I am saving money **so as to buy** a car.
- I am saving money **in order to buy** a car.
- I am saving money **for buying** a car.
- I am saving money **so that I can buy** a car.

### EXERCISE 1 Fill in each gap with the appropriate word from the list.

for - so as to - in order not to - so that

1. The customs officer stopped the tourist at the airport \_\_\_\_\_ check his suitcase.
2. He downloaded a dictionary on his smart phone \_\_\_\_\_ he could look up difficult words.
3. She played the piano slowly \_\_\_\_\_ disturb her neighbours.
4. I saved some money \_\_\_\_\_ buying a new computer.

### EXERCISE 2 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

1. He projected a video about illiteracy. He wanted to sensitize parents to the importance of education. (to)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. They want to improve their living and working conditions. Brainy people leave their homelands. (for)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. He went to the hospital. He wanted to participate in the blood donation campaign. (so as to)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. We need to use the solar energy. We want to sustain our development. (in order to)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
5. The association received a lot of homeless children. They wanted to re-integrate them into families and school. (so that)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
6. This cultural festival is organized ever year. They want to promote tolerance within the community. (to)  
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# QUIZ 5

## Quiz on Purpose

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### EXERCISE 1 Re-write these sentences as suggested. (8Pts)

1. They want to help them study hard. Parents give advice to their children. (so as to)  
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2. The teacher projected a film. He wanted to help students stop taking drugs. (in order to)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. He attended a cookery school. He wanted to become a famous chef. (in order to)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. They want to fight lung cancer. This campaign is often organized. (in order to)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Thousands of Moroccans immigrate to Europe. They want to make their life better. (so that)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. They invest a lot of money in tourism. They want to attract the maximum of tourists. (for)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. He didn't want to be late for the interview. The candidate took a taxi. (in order not to)  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Maria and her sister left home early. They didn't want to be late for the appointment. (so as not to)  
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### EXERCISE 2 Re-write these sentences as suggested. (7Pts)

1. The criminal ran away. He didn't want to be caught by the police. (in order not to)  
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2. She went on a diet last year. She wanted to lose weight. (so that)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. He went to Senegal to study Medicine. He wants to become a doctor. (so as to)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. He wanted to discuss the community problems. The councilor organized a meeting. (for)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Gandhi organized non-violent protests. He wanted to fight for Indian's independence. (to)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Abbey is saving money. She wants to buy a new cell phone. (so that)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. He didn't want to be fat. He eats less fast food. (so as not to)  
\_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE 3 Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list. (5Pts)

1. Yassine created a blog \_\_\_\_\_ encourage young people to read more books.
2. They collected a large amount of money \_\_\_\_\_ helping sick people in the village.
3. He is explaining slowly so that his students \_\_\_\_\_ understand the lesson.
- 4- The boy hid in his bedroom \_\_\_\_\_ be seen by his uncle.
- 5- Nancy went to Cambridge University \_\_\_\_\_ get her Ph Degree.

- a- for
- b- to
- a- so that
- b- for
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- b- can
- a- so as not to
- b- so as to
- a- in order to
- b- so that