

# 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)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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)  
\_\_\_\_\_
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)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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)  
\_\_\_\_\_
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.	a- for b- to
2. They collected a large amount of money _____ helping sick people in the village.	a- so that b- for
3. He is explaining slowly so that his students _____ understand the lesson.	a- could b- can
4- The boy hid in his bedroom _____ be seen by his uncle.	a- so as not to b- so as to
5- Nancy went to Cambridge University _____ get her Ph Degree.	a- in order to b- so that

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**Ex. 1** 1. so as to 2. so that 3. in order not to 4. for **Ex. 2** 1. He projected a video about illiteracy to sensitize parents to the importance of education/ To sensitize people of... , he projected.. 2. Brainy people leave their homelands for improving their living and working conditions/ For improving...., brainy people leave ... 3. He went to the hospital so as to participate in the blood donation campaign/ So as to participate ... , he went.. 4. We need to use the solar energy in order to sustain our development/ In order to sustain..., we need..... 5. The association received a lot of homeless children so that they could re-integrate them into families and school/ So that the association could re-integrate..., they received a lot of..... 6. This cultural festival is organized to promote tolerance within the community/ To promote ...., this cultural festival .....

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**Ex. 1** Parents give advice to their children so as to help.../ So as to help their children, parents give.. 2. The teacher projected a film in order to help.../ In order to help students..., the teacher... 3. He attended a cookery school in order to become.../ In order to become a chef, he attended..... 4. This campaign is often organized in order to fight.../ In order to fight ... , this campaign... 5. Thousands of Moroccan immigrants immigrate to Europe so that they can make.../ So that thousands of Moroccan immigrants can make....., they immigrate to Europe. 6. They invest a lot of money in tourism for attracting.../ For attracting...., they invest.. 7. The candidate took a taxi in order not to be.../ In order not to be late..., the candidate took... 8. Maria and her sister left home early so as not to be late for the appointment/ In order not to be late...., Maria and.....

**Ex. 2** 1.The criminal ran away in order not to be caught by the police/ In order not to be caught. 2. She went on a diet last year so that she could lose weight/ So that she could lose weight, she went... 3. He went to Senegal to study medicine so as to become a doctor/ So as to become a doctor, he went.. 4. The councilor organized a meeting so that he could discuss the community problems/ So that the councilor could discuss the community service, he organized.. 5. Gandhi organized non-violent protests to fight for Indian's independence/ To fight for Indian's.., Gandhi organized..... 6. Abbey is saving money so that she can buy.../ So that Abbey can buy..., she is saving money. 7. He eats less fast food so as not to be fat/ So as not to bed fat, he eats less... .

**Ex. 3** 1.b 2.b 3.b 4.a 5.a

