

EXPRESSING PURPOSE IN ENGLISH

IN ORDER TO – SO AS TO

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences by using *in order to* or *so as to*.

e.g. The thief had grown a beard. He didn't want to be recognised.

The thief had grown a beard so as not to be recognised.

1. Jim is studying English . He wants to get a better job.

Jim is studying English

2. Anna is flying to Rome. She wants to be in time for the meeting.

Anna is flying to Rome

1. They are working hard. They want to be successful .

They are working hard

2. She is marrying a very famous man. She wants to make a career.

3. She is marrying a very famous man

EXERCISE 2.

Complete the following sentences by using *in order not to* or *so as not to*.

e.g. I always get up early so as not to arrive late at the office.

1. Sara walked on tiptoe _____ wake her children.

2. I hurried _____ miss the train.

3. I usually make a list of what I need before doing the shopping _____ forget anything.

4. We suggest you to study hard _____ fail your exam.

5. I'll take an umbrella _____ get wet.

EXPRESSING PURPOSE: THE INFINITIVE ALONE / IN ORDER TO + INFINITIVE / SO AS TO + INFINITIVE

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the following sentences with the correct form to express purpose, in the positive or negative form, as appropriate.

e.g. *She decided to go to night school to study bookkeeping.*

1. Look, I have my Group Class now, _____ (be late)

I'll have to chat to you later, sorry!

2. Helen had no chance of passing her exam because she hadn't studied, however, _____ (to let

someone down) her parents, she decided that cheating was her only alternative.

3. _____ (catch) the flight to Melbourne, Sandra had to get a taxi to the airport.
4. You cannot expect your colleagues to work overtime for you _____ home early! That's outrageous! (go).
5. Janet set her alarm 3 hours earlier than she needed to _____ (miss) her important interview in the city.

EXERCISE 2.

Join the following sentences together using an expression of purpose.

e.g. Mum, when you get to Japan, phone me. Let me know you've arrived in one piece!

*Mum, when you get to Japan, phone me so as to let me know
you've arrived in one piece!*

1. I'll start cooking dinner at 7p.m.. Give me a call if you're going to be late.

2. I'm going to have a shower tonight, instead of in the morning. I can stay in bed for an extra 20 minutes!

3. I'm going to live in Italy. I want to learn Italian and marry a Latin lover!

4. I'm going to start that new diet tomorrow. I want to look good on the beach this summer.

FOR / FOR+GERUND

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences by using the correct verb.

Pay look wait care ask search

e.g. Would you care for a glass of milk?

- 1 I don't _____ for French food.
- 2 I've lost my glasses. Can you help me _____ for them?
- 3 We are really sorry but we don't have enough money to _____ for the bill.
- 4 They are _____ for Tom. Have you seen him?
- 5 The police have _____ everywhere for that thief and

they still can't find him.

6. How long have you been _____ for her to arrive?
7. He is always _____ for cigarettes!

EXERCISE 2

Complete the sentences by using the correct form of the verb.

1. I'm very sorry for _____ (come) late.
2. We apologised to them for _____ (make) that mistake.
3. They were so angry with me for not _____ (invite) them to the party.
4. There's no reason for _____ (lose) patience with her.
5. The bicycle is used for _____ (cycle).