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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

} + Verb

- for + verb + ing (or noun)
- so that + subject { + can + Verb ← if the verb is in Simple Present.
+ 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)

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2. They want to improve their living and working conditions. Brainy people leave their homelands.(for)

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3. He went to the hospital. He wanted to participate in the blood donation campaign. (so as to)

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4. We need to use the solar energy. We want to sustain our development. (in order to)

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5. The association received a lot of homeless children. They wanted to re-integrate them into families and school. (so that)

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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)

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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