

Presentation

You use the infinitive of purpose (*to + verb*) to say why a person does something.

*All passengers must go to gate 20 immediately **to board** the plane.*

*I'm going to Florida **to meet** some clients in Miami.*

*I want to go Orlando **to see** Disneyworld.*

*I'd like some perfume **to give** to my daughter for her birthday.*

TIP The infinitive of purpose often answers the question *Why?*

In spoken English, you can answer the *Why?* question with *To*.

*Why do you want to go to Orlando? **To see** Disneyworld.*

Exercises

1 Match 1–8 to a–h to make sentences.

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| 1 I'm going to Buckingham Palace | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b | a to buy some meat. |
| 2 They went to the butcher | <input type="checkbox"/> | b to see the Queen. |
| 3 You need to study hard | <input type="checkbox"/> | c to put gas in the car. |
| 4 Leave early in the morning | <input type="checkbox"/> | d to wear to the party. |
| 5 I want to buy an mp3 player | <input type="checkbox"/> | e to avoid the traffic. |
| 6 I stopped at the garage | <input type="checkbox"/> | f to learn a language. |
| 7 We'd like a menu | <input type="checkbox"/> | g to take on vacation. |
| 8 You should buy a new dress | <input type="checkbox"/> | h to see what's for lunch. |

2 The word **to** is missing six times in the text. Write it in.



Join us on a cruise of the Mediterranean Sea to visit some of the most famous sites in the world.

DAY ONE

Fly to Venice meet the cruise liner *The Golden Angel*.

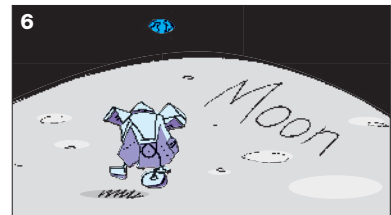
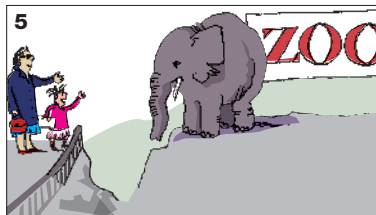
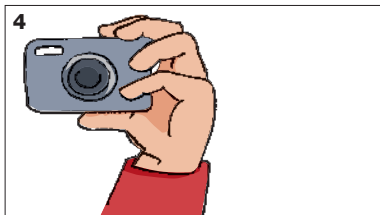
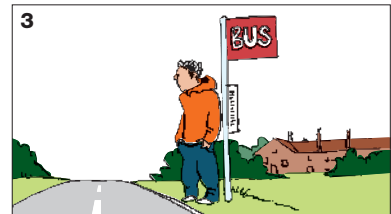
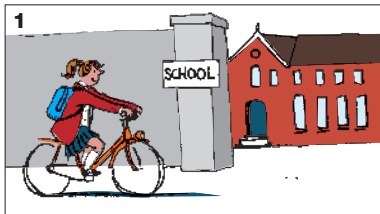
DAY TWO

Before we leave, you'll have a few hours buy souvenirs from one of Italy's most famous cities. Then at noon, we leave for Athens. In the evening you can sit on the deck enjoy the sunset and the live entertainment.

DAY THREE

We arrive at the port of Piraeus take a tour of the city. We'll walk into town see the Acropolis and try some wonderful Greek food.

3 Look at the pictures and answer the questions. Use the infinitive of purpose with the verb in parentheses.



- 1 Why is she biking? (get)
- 2 Why is he at the market? (buy)
- 3 Why is he waiting? (catch)
- 4 Why do you press this button? (take)
- 5 Why did they go to the zoo? (see)
- 6 Why did they fly into space in 1969? (land on)

She's biking to get to school.

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4 Complete these sentences about you using the infinitive of purpose.

- 1 I'm studying English to
- 2 Last year I visited to
- 3 Next year I'm going to to