

EXPRESSING PURPOSE

TO

We use "to" to say why we do something. 'to + verb'

- I'm going there **to** see my sister.
- We left early **to** catch the 6.30 train.

FOR

We use "for" to talk about a purpose or a reason for sth:

- I'm going **for** some breakfast. I'm really hungry.
- I wear these old trousers **for** painting.
- The red button is **for** turning the machine off.

IN ORDER TO

We use "in order to" with an infinitive form of a verb to express the purpose of something.

- John trained every day **in order to** improve his performance.
- He came home early **in order to** see the kids before they went to bed.

To form the negative, we prefer "in order not to" rather than "not to".

- **In order not to** oversleep, I set the alarm for seven o'clock.

SO AS TO

We also use "so as to" with an infinitive form of a verb to express the purpose of something. "So as to" is more formal than in order to.

- I always keep fruit in the fridge **so as to** keep flies off it.
- He did not switch on the light **so as not to** disturb her.

SO THAT/IN ORDER THAT

We use "so that" and "in order that" to talk about purpose. We often use them with modal verbs (can, would, will, etc.). "So that" is far more common than "in order that", and "in order that" is more formal:

- I'll go by car **so that** I can take more luggage.
- Regular checks are required **in order that** safety standards are maintained.

IN ORDER FOR

We use in order for before a noun or pronoun. It means to make it possible for someone or something to be or do something.

- **In order for** us to win, we'll all have to try a little harder.
- These job cuts are necessary **in order for** the company to remain competitive.

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