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Basics. Expressing Purpose with the To-Infinitive

Easy | A1 | Elementary | Beginners | Infinitive | Past tense | Phrase | Verb | Simple tense

1. Read about a student's chaotic morning. Select the correct option for each blank to show why they did these things.

I woke up late, so I ran to the bus stop _____ the 8:00 AM bus. While I was running, I texted my best friend _____ her to save me a seat in class!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to catch
- **B)** for catch
- **C)** catching

Blank 2

- **A)** ask
- **B)** for asking
- **C)** to ask

2. Complete the roommates' evening routine by dragging the correct actions to the sentences.

Leo went to the kitchen _____ a massive sandwich.
Maya went to her bedroom _____ for twelve hours.
Sam went to the bathroom _____ the peanut butter off his face.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to make
- **B)** to sleep
- **C)** to wash

Blank 2

- **A)** to sleep
- **B)** to make
- **C)** to wash

Blank 3

- **A)** to wash
- **B)** to sleep
- **C)** to make

3. Help the alien tourist write a postcard home. Select ALL the options that correctly complete the sentence to show purpose.

We traveled to Earth _____.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** to study the strange humans
- **B)** to eating Earth pizza
- **C)** to steal all the Wi-Fi
- **D)** for steal the Wi-Fi

4. Complete the story about Sarah's busy weekend trip to town.

Sarah went to the bakery _____ a huge chocolate cake.
She went to the local library _____ a book about time travel.
Finally, she went to the animal shelter _____ every single dog.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to buy
- **B)** to read
- **C)** to pet

Blank 2

- **A)** to read
- **B)** to buy
- **C)** to pet

Blank 3

- **A)** to pet
- **B)** to buy
- **C)** to read

5. Help the secret agent finish his mission report. Select ALL the phrases that correctly explain why he went to the café.

I went to the café _____.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** to meet my contact
- **B)** for meet my contact
- **C)** to drink a suspicious espresso
- **D)** for drinking tea

6. Help the frantic student explain their situation to the teacher. Choose the correct option.

I called the animal hospital ___ them that my cat swallowed my flash drive!

Select one.

- **A)** tell
- **B)** to tell
- **C)** for telling
- **D)** to telling

7. Complete the midnight snacker's secret confession by choosing the best words.

I tiptoed into the dark kitchen _____ some leftover pizza. I used my phone's flashlight _____ where I was going, but I still stubbed my toe on the table!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** for eat
- **B)** eating
- **C)** to eat

Blank 2

- **A)** for seeing
- **B)** to see
- **C)** see

8. Complete the digital nomad's blog post by choosing the correct phrase.

I went to the cozy café across the street ___ the free Wi-Fi.

Select one.

- **A)** to use
- **B)** for use
- **C)** for using
- **D)** to using

9. Help the excited traveler finish their packing checklist before they leave for the airport!

I am packing a thick sweater _____ warm in the snowy mountains. I also bought a brand-new camera _____ pictures of the bears. Let's hope the bears don't get too close!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to stay
- **B)** for stay
- **C)** staying

Blank 2

- **A)** take
- **B)** for taking
- **C)** to take

10. Complete the roommate's slightly concerning text message. Select the grammatically correct phrase.

I stopped at the supermarket ___ forty-two pineapples for my new recipe.

Select one.

- **A)** for buy
- **B)** buying
- **C)** for buying
- **D)** to buy

11. Help Agent 007 pack for his secret mission by matching his gadgets to their purpose.

He packed a tiny camera _____ pictures of the villain's diary.
He brought a laser ring _____ locked doors.
He wore a silly fake mustache _____ his face from the guards.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to take
- **B)** to open
- **C)** to hide

Blank 2

- **A)** to open
- **B)** to take
- **C)** to hide

Blank 3

- **A)** to hide
- **B)** to open
- **C)** to take

12. Complete the survivor's diary entry. Select ALL the sentences that use the correct grammar to show purpose.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I bought a lot of canned beans to survive the winter.
- **B)** I bought a lot of canned beans for to survive the winter.
- **C)** I bought a lot of canned beans to feed my pet zombie.
- **D)** I bought a lot of canned beans for feed the zombies.