

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.