



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** Disney World.*

*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** Disney World.*

Exercises

1 Match 1–8 to a–h to make sentences. Then listen and check.

- 1 I'm going to Buckingham Palace ☒
- 2 They went to the butcher ☐
- 3 You need to study hard ☐
- 4 Leave early in the morning ☐
- 5 I want to buy an MP3 player ☐
- 6 I stopped at the garage ☐
- 7 We'd like a menu ☐
- 8 You should buy a new dress ☐

- a to buy some meat.
- b to see the Queen.
- c to put petrol in the car.
- d to wear to the party.
- e to avoid the traffic.
- f to learn a language.
- g to take on holiday.
- 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*.

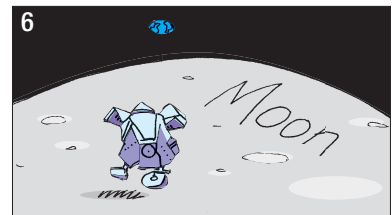
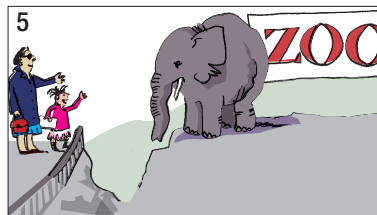
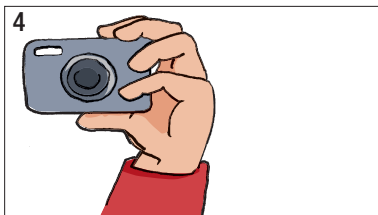
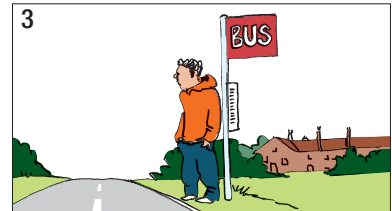
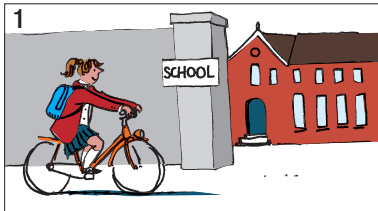
DAY TWO

Before we leave you'll have a few hours buy souvenirs from one of Italy's most famous cities. Then at midday, 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 brackets.



- 1 Why is she cycling? (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 cycling 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