

Unit 81: PURPOSE & USE

Here are some ways to show why you did something, why something exists, or what its use is.

1 Purpose

a		to	+	BASE VERB
	We put on lots of clothes	to		keep warm.
	You have to study hard	to		be a doctor.

NOTICE: We also use **in order to** the same way.

b		so that	CLAUSE
	We put on lots of clothes	so that	we wouldn't get cold.
	I put it by the door	so that	I wouldn't forget it.
	I took a taxi	so that	I'd arrive early.

c		because	CLAUSE with want
	I put it by the door	because I didn't want to	forget it.
	I took a taxi	because I wanted to	arrive early.

NOTICE: We can give the purpose at the beginning of the sentence if we want to. For example:
To be a doctor, you have to study hard.
Because I wanted to arrive early, I took a taxi.

2 Use

With **for**

The seats by the door are **for** the use of old people.
A pen is **for** writing with.

What did you do that **for**?

A barometer is a thing **for** measuring air pressure.

NOTICE: If there is a verb after **for**, it is the **-ing** form.