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How to use infinitives of purpose
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Hi, I'm Dan from BBC Learning English, and today I'm going to talk to you about **infinitives of purpose.**

English has something called the **infinitive of purpose**. We use it to explain why we do something. **To explain why we do something** is an **infinitive of purpose**. Why do we use it?

Another example is: **I went home to eat**. We make our sentence: I went home, and then attach a full infinitive verb – **to eat**.

This doesn't work with nouns. For example: I went home to food.

To use a noun we use for. **I went home for food.**

Finally, we can also use **for** to talk about doing something to help someone. For example: **I made this video for you to learn**. You're welcome!