
Practice activities

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7.	My son won a prize at school...
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b.	... so that I could be first in the queue when the shop opened.
c.	... for painting the best picture.
d.	... for writing down new vocabulary.
e.	... so that we'll have enough for the weekend.
f.	... to wear to the party.
g.	... to pass the final exam.
h.	... to say 'thank you'.

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 - a. to get
 - b. to getting
 - c. for get

2. Paul quit his job ... more time with his family
 - a. for to spend
 - b. so to spend
 - c. so that he could spend

3. This liquid is good ... stains out of cotton clothes
 - a. for getting
 - b. for get
 - c. for to get

4. When you visit the waterfall, it's a good idea to take a plastic coat ... you dry
 - a. to keep
 - b. to keeping
 - c. keep

5. I got up really early ... I wouldn't miss my flight
 - a. to
 - b. for
 - c. so that

6. I drink chamomile tea before I go to bed ... to sleep
 - a. for go
 - b. to help me go
 - c. so that go

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Answers

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- b. to getting – Wrong – 'to' should be followed by the infinitive
- c. for get – Wrong – you should use an infinitive with 'to', or 'for' with verb-ing

2. Paul quit his job ... more time with his family

- a. for to spend – Wrong – but this is sometimes used in colloquial speech
- b. so to spend – Wrong – we don't usually use 'so' and 'to' together
- c. **so that he could spend** – Correct – 'so that' is followed by a subject and verb to explain the purpose of an action

3. This liquid is good ... stains out of cotton clothes
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- a. **to keep – Correct – you have used an infinitive with 'to' to give the purpose of an action**
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 - c. keep – Wrong – you should use an infinitive with 'to' to give the purpose of an action
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- a. to – Wrong – 'to' should be followed by the infinitive
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 - c. **so that - Correct – 'so that' is usually followed by a subject and verb**
6. I drink chamomile tea before I go to bed ... to sleep
- a. for go – Wrong – 'for' should be followed by verb-ing
 - b. **to help me go – Correct – you have used an infinitive with 'to' to give the purpose of an action**
 - c. so that go – Wrong - 'so that' is usually followed by a subject and verb