

INFINITIVES OF PURPOSE

A2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Complete questions, write your answers and put words in order.

EXAMPLE

Question: Why do you study English?

Answer: I study English **to travel** more easily.

Remember: to + base verb explains purpose: I go to the shop to buy bread.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Write the base verb to complete each question. Answer using to + a verb.

1. Why do you _____ English? (study)

Answer: _____

2. Why do you _____ to a supermarket? (go)

Answer: _____

3. Why do you _____ an alarm? (set)

Answer: _____

4. Why do people _____ money? (save)

Answer: _____

5. Why do you _____ your phone? (use)

Answer: _____

6. Why do people _____ to a library? (go)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. you / do / why / carry / a bag

2. umbrella / take / do / why / you / an

3. people / shopping lists / why / do / make

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Listen to their answers.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

The missing words are shown below. These are sample answers; personal answers will vary.

1. study - Why do you study English?

Sample answer: I study English to talk to people on holiday.

2. go - Why do you go to a supermarket?

Sample answer: I go to a supermarket to buy food.

3. set - Why do you set an alarm?

Sample answer: I set an alarm to wake up on time.

4. save - Why do people save money?

Sample answer: People save money to buy things they need.

5. use - Why do you use your phone?

Sample answer: I use my phone to send messages.

6. go - Why do people go to a library?

Sample answer: People go to a library to borrow books.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. Why do you carry a bag?

2. Why do you take an umbrella?

3. Why do people make shopping lists?

TEACHER NOTES

The main target is the written answer: to + base verb gives a purpose. Avoid to + -ing.

B: Accept other natural grammatical orders using all the words.

Time phrases/adverbs may move where natural. Check meaning and punctuation.

Accept correct full forms and contractions in personal answers.

Check question word order, capitals and question marks in B.