

The infinitive of purpose

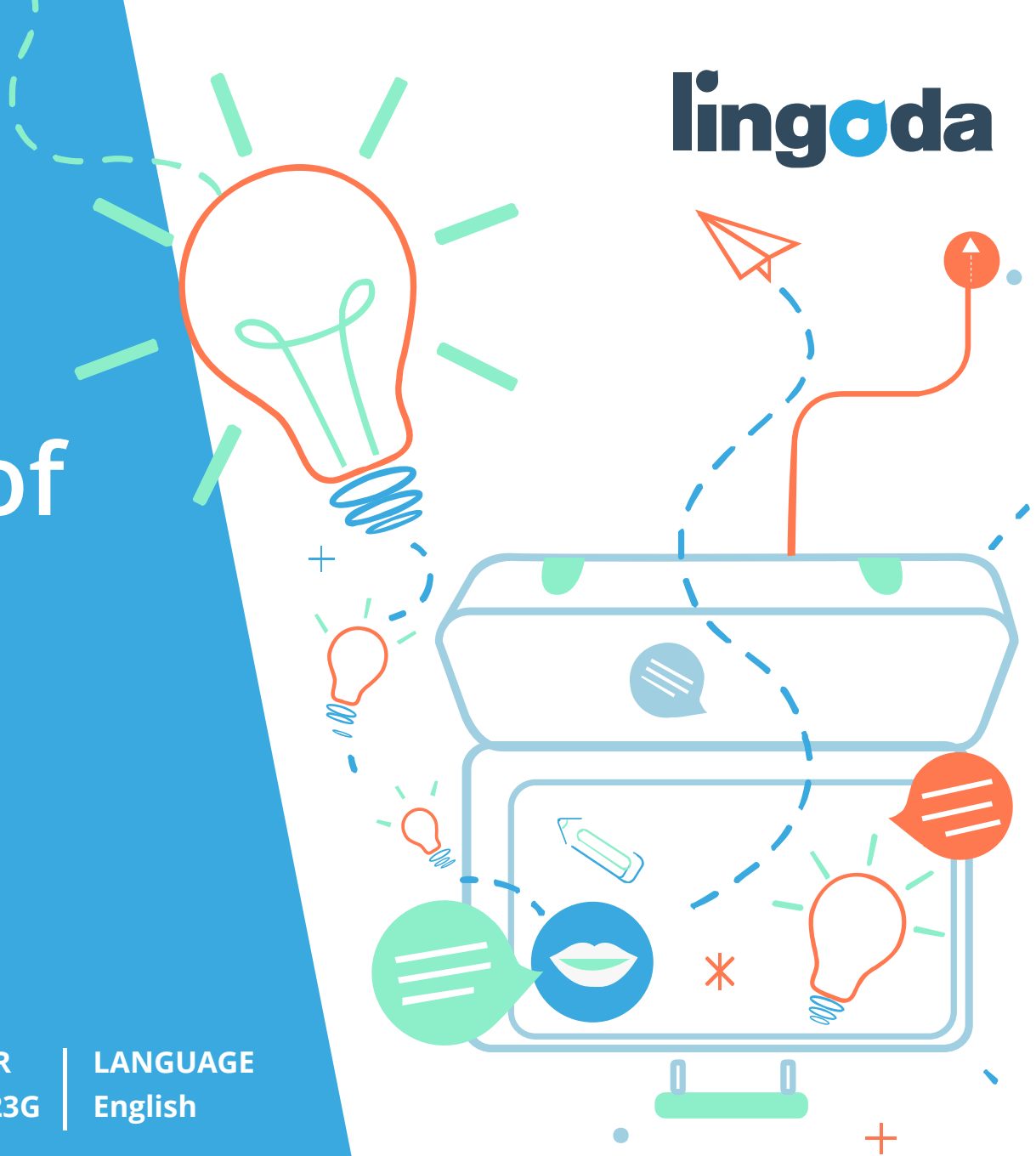
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Goals

- Can correctly use the infinitive of purpose.
- Can discuss online privacy and buying goods online with the infinitive of purpose.





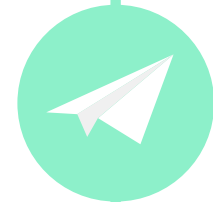
Helen is talking to her colleague **to ask for** some advice.



I am using some new software **in order to protect** my personal data.



George ordered books from an online book store **so as to learn** a new language.





Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, you are going to learn how to use **the infinitive of purpose** and how to use it with ***in order to*** and ***so as to***.



I switched on my laptop **in order to order** lunch online.



Vocabulary review

online shopping

to order

**credit card
details**

to store

available 24/7

data

delivery

to hack

to search for

privacy

**sensitive
information**

to collect



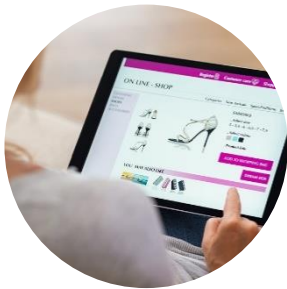


Vocabulary review with sentences



Online **privacy** is very important for protecting **data**.

Credit card details are **sensitive information**.



When I shop online, I like **to search for** unique items.

They promise next day **delivery**.





Vocabulary review with sentences



Online shopping is available 24/7.

When someone **hacks** computer systems they can **steal** data.



My job is to **collect** and **store** customers' personal information.

When Laura **orders** products online, she pays by credit card.





The infinitive of purpose

- When we want to talk about the purpose of doing something, we can use **'to + infinitive'**. It explains **why** someone does something.
- Here are some examples:

■ My boss usually locks his door **to work** in perfect silence.

■ I need my credit card details **to buy** the presents online.

■ I am staying at home **to wait** for the delivery.



- Be careful! Unlike in many other languages, we use **'to' instead of 'for'** when we want to express purpose:

I am writing to place an order. ~~I am writing for to place an order.~~



The infinitive of purpose

- Use the infinitive of purpose when the **subject of the main verb** and the **subject of the infinitive of purpose** are the **same**.

- I collect customers' personal data (**I do that**) to build our online database (**I do that**).
- She learns about online privacy (**she does that**) to search the internet safely (**she does that**).





The infinitive of purpose

- When we use the infinitive of purpose, **the main verb of the sentence** can be in **any verb tense**.
- Look at the examples below:

Examples

I get up at 5 am to go jogging before work.

I am calling you to invite you for an interview.

Alexa ordered a dress to look nice for the party.

Dennis has gone to a conference to hold a presentation.

He will come to the office to pick me up.





Word order

- We can put the infinitive of purpose **before or after** the main verb.



I am going on a business trip **to meet** our new partners.

To meet our new partners, I am going on a business trip.





Unscramble the sentences

A

my photos

safe.

on my laptop

I store

to keep

them

B

in time.

has helped

the
presentation

to finish

me

My assistant



my assistant



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the correct infinitives of purpose

to save

to train

to start

to talk

to work

We finished the project _____ a new one with my colleagues. Later, we are going to have a meeting _____ about the conference. I am going to travel to Bristol _____ some new employees. The training is about the company's online privacy. I am going to travel by car _____ some time. Fortunately, I can take my laptop _____ on a new task.





Speaking

Use infinitives of purpose from the previous activity. Make sentences that are true for you.





In order to and so as to

- We can also use '**in order to + infinitive**' and '**so as to + infinitive**' when we want to talk about the purpose of doing something.
- '**In order to**' and '**so as to**' are more **formal** than 'to + infinitive'.

What someone is doing	Why someone is doing it
He had another coffee	in order to stay awake.
She referenced the report	so as to give evidence of her theory.



Negatives

- A negative infinitive is most common with ***in order to*** and ***so as to***.
- ***Not*** always comes before the 'to': '***in order not to***' and '***so as not to***'.

What someone is doing	Why someone is doing that
He started to work early	in order <u>not</u> to miss the deadline.
They need more time	in order <u>not</u> to lose sensitive information.
I work hard on this project	so as <u>not</u> to make mistakes.
Choose a memorable password	so as <u>not</u> to forget it.



Word order with *in order (not) to* and *so as (not) to*

- We can put the infinitive of purpose with the additional phrases or the negative infinitive of purpose **before or after the main verb**.
- Look at the examples:

I shop online **in order to avoid** waiting in a queue.

In order to avoid waiting in a queue, I shop online.

I invest in an online business **so as not to waste money**.

So as not to waste money, I invest in an online business.



Complete the sentences

Match the two parts to complete the sentence

1. I do not use unsafe websites

A. so as to enter my details.

2. We have opened an online store

B. I buy books from Amazon.

3. So as not to miss the best price,

C. in order to avoid identity theft.

4. I refresh the page

D. to have some extra income.



Transform the sentences

1. She made a cake because she wanted to surprise her colleagues.



She made a cake **to surprise** her colleagues.

2. Amanda registered on the website because she wants to buy a new tablet.



3. I took a course because I wanted to learn about online privacy.



4. Companies collect data because they want to know more about our online habits.



5. We have come here because we want to change our personal information.





Correct the mistakes

Which of these sentences are right? Find the mistakes and correct the sentences

1. He steals personal information in order sell data.
2. To book the tickets, Tom will give his credit card details.
3. We search for special offers so to save some money.
4. He studied a lot about programming to hack computer systems.
5. So as to not have shipping problems, Mary picks up the books.



Free talk

Talk about your online shopping habits. Use the sentences from the previous activity as examples

to avoid

to have

to miss

to enter



Speaking

Think about online safety. What do you do to keep your online data safe?





Guilty as charged!

In order to steal
their data, I...

One member of the group is a data hacker. The police have caught them.

Other members of the group are the police.

Find out what data they stole and why!

Remember to use as many infinitives of purpose as possible when acting this out!



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

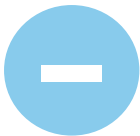
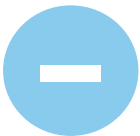
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Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise 1, p.12

1. I store my photos on my laptop to keep them safe. 2. My assistant has helped me to finish the presentation in time.

Exercise 2, p.13

to start/ to talk/ to train/ to save/ to work

Exercise 3, p.18

1.C 2.D 3.B 4.A

Exercise 4, p.19

2. Amanda registered on the website to/in order to/so as to buy a new tablet.

3. I took a course to /in order to/so as to learn about online privacy.

4. Companies collect data to/in order to/so as to know more about our online

habits.

5. We have come here to/in order to/so as to change our personal information.

Exercise 5, p.20

1. He steals personal information in order **to** sell data. 3. We search for special offers so **as** to save some money. 5. So as **not to** have shipping problems, Mary will pick up the books on her own. (Correct sentences: nr. 2 and 4.)





Homework multiple choice

1. They need more time _____ sensitive information.

- a. in order to b. so as to c. to collect d. to

2. Our online store is available 24/7 _____ let customers shop any time of the day.

- a. for b. in order to c. so d. we

3. I am going to work hard _____ lose my online business.

- a. in order to b. not c. to d. in order not to

4. Will hacks passwords to _____ personal data.

- a. to steal b. so as to steal c. steal d. steal not



Homework writing activity

Imagine that you manage an online store. Write at least five sentences about what you do to run the business successfully.

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Homework answer key

Exercise p. 29

Students' own answers.

Exercise p. 28

- 1. C
- 2. B
- 3. D
- 4. C



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