

IV. Grammar Explanation

V dictionary form	ために、～	in order to V
N		for N

This sentence pattern indicates a purpose.

- ① 自分の店を持つために、貯金しています。
I am saving money in order to have my own shop.
- ② 引っ越しのため車を借ります。
I will rent a car for the move.
- ③ 健康のために、毎朝走っています。
For my health, I jog every morning.
- ④ 家族のために、うちを建てるます。
I will build a house for my family.

Nの ために is also used to mean “for the benefit of N (④).”

[Note 1] ～ように, which you learned in Lesson 36, is also used to express a purpose. ～ように is used with verbs that do not contain volition, while ～ために is used with verbs that do. Compare the two sentences below.

- ① 自分の店を持つために、貯金しています。
- ⑤ 自分の店が持てるよう、貯金しています。

I am saving money in order to be able to have my own shop.

① means that one has intentionally set up the objective of “having a shop” and “is saving money” to attain that objective, while ⑤ means one’s objective is a state in which “a shop may be gained” and one “is saving money” in order to get closer to that state.

[Note 2] なります indicates either volition (⑥) or non-volition (⑦).

- ⑥ 弁護士になるために、法律を勉強しています。
I study law in order to become a lawyer.
- ⑦ 日本語が上手になるように、毎日勉強しています。
I study everyday so that my Japanese may improve.

V dictionary formの	に～
N	

As you learned in Lesson 38, V dictionary formの can be used as a noun phrase. V dictionary formのに and Nに are followed by such expressions as つかう, いい, べんりだ, やくに たつ, [じかんが] かかる, etc., and indicate a purpose.

- ⑧ このはさみは花を切るのに使います。
This pair of scissors is used to cut flowers.
- ⑨ このかばんは大きくて、旅行に便利です。
This bag is big and convenient for trips.
- ⑩ 電話番号を調べるのに時間がかかりました。
It took a lot of time to find the telephone number.

[Note] Different ways of expressing purpose

Let us summarize the expressions for indicating purpose that you have learned so far.

[1] V ます-form	に 行きます／来ます／帰ります	(L. 13)
N		

- ⑪ 神戸へ船を見に行きます。
I’ll go to Kobe to look at the ships.
- ⑫ 日本へ経済の勉強に来ました。
I came to Japan to study economics.

[2] V dictionary form	～(volitional expression)	(L. 36)
V ない-form ない		

- ⑬ 早く届くように、速達で出します。
I will mail this by special delivery so that it can get there earlier.
- ⑭ 忘れないように、メモします。
I make a note so that I don’t forget.

[3] V dictionary form (volitional expression)	ために、～(volitional expression)	(L. 42)
Nの		

- ⑮ 大学に入るために、一生懸命勉強します。
I study as hard as possible in order to enter a university.
- ⑯ 健康のために、野菜をたくさん食べます。
I eat a lot of vegetables for my health.

[4] V dictionary formの	に 使います／役に立ちます／[時間が]かかります	(L. 42)
N	いいです／便利です／必要です	

- ⑰ ファイルは書類を整理するのに使います。
Files are used to put papers in order.
- ⑲ 近くに店がなくて、買い物に不便です。
There are no stores nearby, so it is inconvenient for shopping.

3. Quantifierは

When attached to a quantifier, the particle は indicates the minimum amount that the speaker estimates is required or necessary.

- ⑳ 日本では結婚式をするのに200万円は要ります。
In Japan you need at least 2 million yen to hold a wedding.

4. Quantifierも

When attached to a quantifier, the particle も indicates that the speaker thinks that the amount mentioned is a lot.

- ㉑ 駅まで行くのに2時間もかかりました。
It took as long as two hours to get to the station.
- ㉒ うちを建てるのに3,000万円も必要なんですか。
You need as much as 30 million yen to build a house?