

TO or FOR

- **To express reason:**

I went to the store **to** buy milk.

(to + verb)

I went to the store **for** milk/buying milk.

(for + noun)

- **To point out recipient (receiver):**

Give this letter **to** her.

(with motion verb e.g., Give)

This gift is **for** him.

(with situation e.g., is)

- **Intention:**

Ask John **to** send me the file.

(action is more important)

Tell her **for** the file.

(the thing is more important)

- **Inviting:**

I invited him **to** the wedding.

(talk about an event)

I asked her **for** dinner.

- **As complement:**

To make a perfect drink, use ...

(to + verb)

For a delicious drink, use ...

(for + noun)