

Understanding the Purpose of using purpose clauses

What are purpose clauses?

Purpose clauses are subordinate clauses that indicate the reason or intention behind the action stated in the main clause. They often begin with conjunctions like "so that," "in order that," or "to" followed by an infinitive or a finite verb. Purpose clauses clarify the purpose or goal of the action in the main clause.

Explication in french

Les clauses de but sont des propositions subordonnées qui indiquent la raison ou l'intention derrière l'action énoncée dans la proposition principale. Elles commencent souvent par des conjonctions comme "pour que", "afin que" ou "pour" suivies d'un infinitif ou d'un verbe fini. Les clauses de but clarifient le but ou l'objectif de l'action dans la proposition principale.

Examples:

With infinitive:

Main clause: He works hard

Purpose clause: He works hard to succeed.

With finite verb:

Main clause: She studies diligently

Purpose clause: She studies diligently so that she can pass the exam.

Common mistakes

Using incorrect conjunctions: Using "because" instead of "so that" can change the meaning of the sentence. Exemple She studies hard because to succeed Correct: She studies hard so that she can succeed.

Placing the purpose clause incorrectly can lead to confusion.

Incorrect: He bought new shoes to in order look fashionable.

Interactive Quiz:

Ready to test your understanding of purpose clauses? Let's see how well you grasp the concept with these questions:

Beginner Level:

Quiz 1: Complete the Purpose Clause

1. She studies every day _____.
 - a) for passing the exam
 - b) so that she can pass the exam
 - c) to pass the exam

2. He saves money _____.

3. a) so he buys a new car
 - b) for buying a new car
 - c) to buy a new car

4. They practice regularly _____.
 - a) for they improve their skills
 - b) so that they can improve their skills
 - c) to improving their skills

Intermediate Level:

Quiz 2: Choose the Correct Purpose Clause

1. She volunteers at the hospital _____.
 - a) to helping the patients
 - b) so she helps the patients
 - c) in order to help the patients

2. He attends workshops _____.
 - a) so that he learning new skills
 - b) to he can learn new skills
 - c) in order to learn new skills

3. They wake up early _____.
 - a) so they can catch the bus
 - b) for catching the bus
 - c) in order that catching the bus

Advanced Level:

Quiz 3: Write a Sentence Using a Purpose Clause

1. They exercise regularly _____.

2. She bought a new camera _____.

3. He practices piano every day _____

The answers:

Beginner Level: Quiz 1:

1. b) so that she can pass the exam
2. c) to buy a new car
3. b) so that they can improve their skills

Intermediate Level: Quiz 2:

1. c) in order to help the patients
2. c) in order to learn new skills
3. a) so they can catch the bus

Advanced Level: Quiz 3:

1. to stay healthy
2. to pursue photography as a hobby
3. in order to perform at the upcoming concert