

Saying why: to + verb, for and because

Focus: infinitive of purpose (to + verb) vs for + noun / -ing; because and so; Why ...? To ...

GRAMMAR: SAYING WHY

to + verb says why: I bought a bike **to save** money.

for + noun / -ing says what it is for: a pan **for frying**.

because gives a reason: I walk to work **because** it's free.

so gives a result: I was tired, **so** I went to bed early.

Why do you cycle? **To** keep fit. **Because** it's cheap. (NOT: for keep fit)

1 Choose the correct word.

Example: I went to the shop _____ buy some fresh bread. (to / for) → to

1. She joined a gym _____ lose weight before her wedding. (to / for)
2. This pan is _____ frying fish and eggs. (to / for)
3. Ben eats a snack at four _____ he gets hungry at work. (because / to)
4. I bought a bike _____ cycle to work in the summer. (for / to)
5. We went to the new café _____ lunch. (to / for)
6. It was late, _____ we ordered a takeaway. (because / so)
7. Why did you buy an oven? _____ make pizza at home. (For / To)
8. He drinks a glass of water before meals _____ eat less. (so / to)
9. I'm tired _____ I didn't sleep well last night. (because / so)
10. Lena stretches every morning _____ her back. (to / for)

2 Match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1. I take the stairs at work | a. to save money on lunch. |
| 2. We booked a table for Friday | b. to sleep better. |
| 3. Tom went to the market early | c. to learn some vegetarian dishes. |
| 4. She bought a recipe book | d. to buy the freshest fish. |
| 5. I don't drink coffee at night | e. to try the new Chinese restaurant. |
| 6. He takes a sandwich to work | f. to get a little exercise. |

ANSWER KEY

1 1 to, 2 for, 3 because, 4 to, 5 for, 6 so, 7 To, 8 to, 9 because, 10 for 2 1 f, 2 e, 3 d, 4 c, 5 b, 6 a