

FOR

For the benefit of

- I will do that for you.
- Yogurt is good for your digestion.
- Could you carry these books for me?

Purpose

- This brush is for painting.

Motive/Reason – with noun

- I came to New York for a new job.
- Let's go out for a drink.

Period of time

- We've lived here for 2 years.
- I worked there for 2 years.
- It's very cold for February.

Agenda | Schedule

- I made an appointment for May 3.

TO

Expresses transfer or direction

- I will give this book to you.
- I will go to work.
- I will talk to her.
- I gave the book to my sister.

Motive/Reason – with verb

- I came to New York to work.
- I came here to see you.
- I study to improve my English.

Hour

- It's 5 to 13hs.

Compare some sentences:

- I brought a chair for Sam. ('Sam' benefits from it.)
- I brought a chair to the table. (The chair moves in the direction towards the table.)
- I wrote a letter for Pat. ('Pat' benefits. Someone else did the work.)
- I wrote a letter to Pat. (The 'letter' moves in the direction of 'Pat'.)
- I made a quick phone call for my mom." (My mom wasn't able to make the call so I made the call for her.)
- I made a quick phone call to my mom. (I called with the intention of speaking with my mom.)

1) Complete with "to" or "for".

- a) Bring this tea upstairs _____ your grandmother.
- b) We went from the restaurant _____ the party.
- c) I go _____ the office every morning at 9am.
- d) He sold his car to me _____ \$5.000.
- e) I bought this gift _____ you.
- f) Talk _____ your teacher and get more information about the exam.

2) Use "to" or "for" in the conversation below.

Mary: Thanks for helping me move into my new apartment, Mike!

Mike: Oh you are welcome, it'll be much easier _____ you if I help.

Mary: Are any of your friends going _____ come and help also?

Mike: Yeah, I think Jason is going _____ come. He'll bring the moving van _____ your house on Saturday morning at 9am, so we can get started.

Mary: Oh great. I want _____ cook some lunch _____ you guys. What would you like?

Mike: Why don't we just take a lunch break and go _____ my favorite Japanese restaurant? It's right next _____ your new apartment.

Mary: That sounds like a great way _____ break up the day and to get some more energy _____ the rest of the afternoon.

Mike: Perfect! Then I will see you on Saturday around 10am.

Mary: Great, see ya then.