



# Vs. To and For

Grammar

## 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.