

Book: Passages 2

Level: 11th

Unit: 8

Objective: Using *to* and *for* correctly.


TO or FOR

Use TO in these cases:

- Destination** → "We're going **to** Paris."
- What time it is** → "It's a quarter **to** 2."
- Distance** → "It's about ten miles from my house **to** the university."
- Comparing** → "I prefer sleeping **to** working."
- Giving** → "I gave the book **to** my sister."
- Motive/Reason - with verb** → "I came here **to see** you."

Use FOR in these cases:

- Benefits** → "Yogurt is good **for** your digestion."
- Period of time** → "We've lived here **for** 2 years."
- Schedule** → "I made an appointment **for** May 3."
- Agree with** → "Are you **for** or against the war?"
- Doing something to help someone** → "Could you carry these books **for** me?"
- Motive/Reason - with noun** → "Let's go out **for** a drink."
- Function - with verb (-ing form)** → "A ladle is a big spoon used **for serving** soup."

As you can see **TO** or **FOR** can be used for a motive/reason, but **TO** is always with a verb, and **FOR** is always with a noun. Here's a good example:

I came to New York **to work**.

I came to New York **for a new job**.



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