

Connectors of Purpose



Connectors of purpose explain the objective of something. They express **the result we want**. But each connector is followed by a different structure.

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to **for** **so that** **in order to**

We used surveys **to** collect data.

We used surveys **for** data collection.

We used surveys **so that** we can collect data.

We used surveys **in order to** collect data.

We also use some expressions to explain how we achieve that purpose.
Study the examples below.

what we want

to **for** **so that**
in order to

how to get

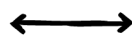
by **through** **via**
by means of

To protect your skin, wear sun cream.
→ also called 'infinitive of purpose'



Protect your skin **by** wearing sun cream.
→ expresses method, always followed by -ing

So that your skin is protected, wear sun cream.
→ more about what happens after



Protect your skin **by means of** wearing sun cream.
→ more formal than 'by'

In order to improve his English, he practiced.
→ formal purpose, common in writing



He improved his English **through** practice.
→ expresses a process or experience

For data collection, we used surveys.
→ expresses function, always a noun phrase



We collected data **via** surveys.
→ expresses a channel or system