

FOR

TO

For the benefit of

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

Indicates direction, movement

- I will give this book to you.
- I will go to work.
- I will talk to her.

Motive / Reason – with noun

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

Motive/Reason – with verb

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

Purpose, use of something

- This brush is for painting.
- This place is for exhibitions and shows.
- I put a note on the door for privacy.

Used to indicate a limit

- The snow was piled up to the roof.
- Customers can order up to three items.
- You can bring up to two guests to the event.

Used to indicate a duration

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

Time

- It's five to 1pm.
- I work nine to six, Monday to Friday.
- It is now ten to five. (In other words, it is 4:50).

Agenda | Schedule

- I made an appointment for May 3rd.

Compare some sentences:

- 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 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 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.)

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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 _____ U\$ 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 _____ give us a hand. 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.