



GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Purpose Clauses in Digital Life

Digital Life and Technology | to, in order to and so that | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Lead-in discussion

Talk with a partner. You may already use this grammar without noticing it.

No.	Question
1	Why do people use password managers?
2	Why do students use online learning platforms?
3	Why do apps send notifications?
4	Why should people adjust privacy settings?

2. Grammar in context

Read the text. The bold phrases show the grammar used in a natural topic context.

Using Technology for a Clear Purpose

Students often use online platforms **to review** lessons and practise vocabulary. Some apps give instant feedback **so that** learners can correct mistakes quickly.

People create strong passwords **in order to protect** personal information. They may also change privacy settings **to avoid** sharing posts with unknown users.

Technology is most useful when it has a clear aim. Schools introduce digital tools **so that students can** learn more independently, not simply because the tools are new.

3. Notice the pattern

Use purpose clauses to explain why someone does something.

Use	Form / signal	Example
to + infinitive	simple purpose	Students use apps to practise vocabulary.
in order to	more formal purpose	People create passwords in order to protect data.
so that + subject + verb	purpose with a new subject	Apps give feedback so that learners can improve.
Negative purpose	to avoid	Users change settings to avoid problems.

4. Build accurate sentences

Complete each sentence using the grammar focus. Then write two examples of your own.

No.	Prompt	Use	Your answer
1	Students use online platforms. They review lessons.	to	
2	People create strong passwords. They protect data.	in order to	
3	Apps give feedback. Learners can correct mistakes.	so that	
4	Users change privacy settings. They avoid unknown viewers.	to avoid	

1. _____

2. _____

5. Use it in exam answers

Complete the tasks using the grammar focus naturally.

Task	What to do
Speaking	Explain why students use three different digital tools.
Writing	Write advice about online safety using to, in order to and so that.
Reading	Underline purpose clauses in the context text.

6. Common mistakes

Correct the mistakes.

No.	Mistake	Your correction
1	Students use apps for practise vocabulary.	
2	People create passwords in order protect data.	
3	Apps give feedback so learners to improve.	
4	Users change settings for avoid problems.	

7. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

1. Why do students use AI tools?
2. Why should people check privacy settings?
3. Why do schools introduce online platforms?
4. Why might notifications distract learners?

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4. Build accurate sentences

1. Students use online platforms to review lessons.
2. People create strong passwords in order to protect data.
3. Apps give feedback so that learners can correct mistakes.
4. Users change privacy settings to avoid unknown viewers.

Own answers will vary. Check that the grammar focus is accurate and natural.

6. Common mistakes

1. Students use apps to practise vocabulary.
2. People create passwords in order to protect data.
3. Apps give feedback so that learners can improve.
4. Users change settings to avoid problems.

Notes for checking

1. to + infinitive: simple purpose - Students use apps to practise vocabulary.
2. in order to: more formal purpose - People create passwords in order to protect data.
3. so that + subject + verb: purpose with a new subject - Apps give feedback so that learners can improve.
4. Negative purpose: to avoid / so that ... not - Users change settings to avoid problems.