

UNIT 10 **in order to, so as to**

'in order to' and 'so as to' are used when a reason is given for an action. 'in order to' can be used at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence. 'So as to' can only be used in the middle of a sentence.

Example A

Sam wanted to top the class. Sam worked extremely hard.

Answer 1

In order to top the class, Sam worked extremely hard.

NOTE:

'Sam wanted' is left out in the sentence as 'in order to' replaces it. A comma is essential to break up the sentence into two coherent parts.

Answer 2

Sam worked extremely hard **in order to** top the class.

Answer 3

Sam work extremely hard **so as to** top the class.

NOTE:

The sentences in Answers 2 and 3 are almost identical. Note that the order of the two given sentences has been switched. Sam working extremely hard is mentioned first in both answers followed by 'to top the class'.

Example B

The National Day Parade will begin with the singing of the National Anthem.

Answer 1

The National Anthem will be sung **in order to** begin the National Day Parade.

Answer 2

The National Anthem will be sung **so as to** begin the National Day Parade.

Answer 3

In order to begin the National Day Parade, the National Anthem will be sung.

NOTE:

In all three answers, 'will begin with the singing' in the given sentence is replaced by 'will be sung'. The answers will be wrong without a change in the tenses.

EXERCISE

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

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1. You need a passport if you want to travel to Korea.

In order to _____

2. Yani bought a smartphone so that she could surf the internet whenever and wherever she pleased.

in order to _____

3. Steven goes jogging every day. He wants to train his stamina.

so as to _____

4. Peter wanted to win the bet. Peter was willing to go to all lengths to win the bet.

so as to _____

*5. A free clock-radio will be given to customers who purchase \$50 and above worth of products.

so as to _____

6. We were given several suggestions to save electricity. The suggestions would enable us to reduce our electricity consumption.

so as to _____

7. The pigs built a brick house to keep the wolf out.

In order to _____

8. He quit smoking. He knew he will live a healthier lifestyle.

in order to _____

9. Andy had to paint the house in two days. He hired three painters.

so as to _____