Academic Word List- Expressing Purpose
Expressing purpose phrases presentation
A: Put one word into each of the sentences below
- I volunteered to help clean the streets ______ order to attract more tourists.
- I temporarily suspended him from school so _______ he could reflect on his actions.
- This is a device ______ triggering explosions from a distance.
- Please use shorter sentences with linking words ______ explain your ideas in a more straightforward way.
- The goal/ purpose/ aim _______ undergoing the treatment myself was to understand the feelings on the patients.

B: Correct the mistakes
- I’ve put it online for to reach a sufficient number of people to have an influence.
- I also work as a private tutor in order to I can supplement my income.

C: Do the following have the same or different meanings? (If there are more than two, they all have the same or all have different meanings).
- It’s to automate the process./ It’s for automating processes.
- I analysed the data in order to find the underlying trend/ I analysed the data to find the underlying trend.
- The aim of the late night meeting that we held was to resolve the dispute./ We held a late night meeting in order to resolve the dispute.
- A goal of terminating the research is to.../ The goal of terminating the research is to..

Academic Word List Expressing purpose Speaking
Choose one thing below and ask for explanations (in some you have to pretend to be a lecturer, politician etc.) The best reason wins.
- You abandoned your PhD.
- You advocated anti-government violence in this country.
- You asked your boss to relocate one of your colleagues to northern Hokkaido.
- You assured your boyfriend/ girlfriend that you’d be together every hour of every day.
- You automated marking of essays.
- You bought alcohol for minors.
- You decided to make the smoking lounge inaccessible to students.
- You inaccurately quoted your professor in your paper.
- You incapacitated your father’s car.
- You inserted a needle into a university computer’s USB port.
- You intervened in a discussion between two professors.
- You itemised everything in your house.
- You left at regular intervals during a concert.
- You made every student in the university assemble in front of the nearest station.
- You released a pirate copy of your own forthcoming film.
- You sabotaged the local infrastructure.
- You set a goal which you know is unattainable for your subordinates.
- You shot at birds migrating over your house.
- You used approximations rather than statistics in your graduation thesis.
- You went sailing in uncharted waters.
- You worked together to isolate one of your classmates.
- You wrote a paper with 20 appendices.

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