



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*.