

A cooling swim infinitive of purpose



Two young women were out walking in the country on a hot summer's day when they saw a beautiful lake close to the road.

'It's so hot! Let's go for a swim in that lake **to cool down!**' suggested the first woman.

'But we haven't got any swimming things to put on,' said the other, 'We can't swim naked!'

'Oh, don't worry about that!' reassured the first woman, 'There's nobody here to see us.'

So they took off all their clothes and got into the lovely cool water for a swim.

After only a few minutes they noticed a farmer walking towards the lake carrying a large bucket.

'Are you here **to ask** us to get out of the lake?' the first woman asked.

'I think he's here **to look** at us!' said the second woman.

The old farmer frowned and held up the bucket for them **to see**.

'No, I'm not here **to tell** you to get out of the lake and I didn't come here **to watch** you ladies swim naked,' he replied. 'I'm just here **to feed** the alligator.'

Grammar: infinitive of purpose: You can explain why you do something with **to + verb**.

*Why did you leave the meeting? **To make** a phone call.*

*I'm writing **to thank** you for your help.*

*I phoned Harry **to invite** him to dinner.*

Match the action with the purpose.

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| 1. I bought a dictionary... | A. to buy some stamps. |
| 2. We went to the art gallery... | B. to ask about the train times. |
| 3. I sent an email to Helen... | C. to pass my exams next month. |
| 4. I went to the information desk... | D. to look at the pictures. |
| 5. I want to buy a swimming costume... | E. to help with my vocabulary. |
| 6. I'm studying very hard at the moment... | F. to fill up with petrol and to buy some cigarettes. |
| 7. He stopped the car at the petrol station... | G. to take with me on my beach holiday next week. |
| 8. I went to the post office... | H. to ask about her holiday in Mexico. |

Vocabulary exercises Match the words with the definitions.

alligator farmer pool feed naked

1. a person who owns or manages a farm
2. without any clothes
3. to give food to
4. a large reptile, similar to a crocodile
5. a small area of water

Choose the correct preposition to complete these sentences.

6. We had a cold drink to help us cool **over** / **down** / **from**.
7. It's cold outside so put **out** / **around** / **on** something warm.
8. When are you going to get **out** / **from** / **away** of that bathroom?
9. The children were very noisy so I told them to go **off** / **away** / **from**.
10. Don't worry **for** / **about** / **with** everything! You need to relax more.

Match the broken sentences.

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| 11. The students spent the lesson... | A. to cool down this afternoon. |
| 12. I asked Karen to feed... | B. the answers to these exercises for me, please? |
| 13. We can swim in the pool... | C. the men to get out of the building. |
| 14. The security guard asked... | D. watching the clock on the classroom wall. |
| 15. Could you look at... | E. my pet cat for me when I went away. |