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In English we use several different words and structures to express purpose. For can be used to talk about somebody's purpose in doing something. Note that for is followed by a noun in this structure.

So and so that can be used before a clause to express purpose.

To express a person's purpose, we often use to-infinitive.

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate word or phrase.

1. I talked to the shy girl she wouldn't feel left out.

for

to

so

2. We stopped at the pub a drink.

to have

for having

Either could be used here

3. We stopped at the pub a drink.

for

for having

to

4. I went to Canada my brother.

to see

for seeing

Either could be used here

5. What do I need to get
dinner?

to

for

6. Sort your rubbish recycling.

to

for

so

7. I took the phone back to the store
..... a replacement.

to get

for getting

8. We started early we wouldn't
be late.

so

so that

Either could be used here

9. You need to be over 18 that film.

for watching

to watch

Either could be used here

10. I am leaving early today the rush hour traffic.

for avoiding

to avoid

Either could be used here

11. I am putting the meat in the oven now,
..... it will be ready by eight o'clock.

so that

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for

that

12. I am angry with you me up.

to wake

for waking

Either could be used here

Answers

1. I talked to the shy girl so she wouldn't feel left out.
2. We stopped at the pub to have a drink.
3. We stopped at the pub for a drink.
4. I went to Canada to see my brother.
5. What do I need to get for dinner?
6. Sort your rubbish for recycling.
7. I took the phone back to the store to get a replacement.
8. We started early so that we wouldn't be late.
9. You need to be over 18 to watch that film.
10. I am leaving early today to avoid the rush hour traffic.
11. I am putting the meat in the oven now, so that it will be ready by eight o'clock.
12. I am angry with you for waking me up.