## RESOURCE VIDEO

### TO X FOR

### HOW TO USE "TO" AND "FOR"

Use "TO" to talk about a direct connection.

### 1. Destination or direction

### **Examples:**

- I'm going **to** the grocery store.
- · My neighbor went to work.
- We are on our way to the airport.
- The children are riding their bikes **to** the park.
- I've traveled to Europe several times.

# 2. Receiver or Recipient (person or thing) Examples:

- Please give this pencil to Maggie.
- I wrote a letter to Santa Claus.
- I fed the bone to the dog.
- I sent an e-mail to my boss.

However, it is common to re-word these sentences (a little bit differently)  $\mathbf{omitting}$  the  $\mathbf{preposition}$   $\mathbf{TO}$ 

### **Examples:**

- Please give this pencil to Maggie. -> Please give Maggie this pencil.
- I wrote a letter to Santa Claus. -> I wrote Santa Claus a letter.
- I fed a bone to the dog. -> I fed the dog a bone.
- I sent an e-mail to my boss. -> I sent my boss an e-mail.

#### Use "FOR" to talk about an indirect connection.

# 1. Purpose or reason for something or someone Examples:

- This course is **for** Portuguese speakers with an intermediate or advanced level of English.
- Exercise is good **for** your health.
- · Calcium is good for your bones.
- The ramp is **for** people in wheelchairs.
- This parking lot is reserved **for** employees.
- I'm baking cookies for the school bake sale.

# 2. Indirect connection, when something happens in place of something else or when it is done as a favor, answer or request Examples:

- Marty is sick, so Sarah is going to teach **for** him.
- Can you open this **for** me?
- My boss asked me to fill out this report for him.
- Charlie is going to speak **for** me today. I'm losing my voice.





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### **COMPARE TO X FOR:**

- Can you give this package **to** Mr. Smith **for** me? (Mr. Smith is the receiver of the package; for me = as a favor, to help me)
- I sent a letter **to** Santa **for** my kids. (Santa is the receiver; for my kids = I'm doing a favor for my kids)
- I went to the store and bought new boots for my husband. (store is the destination; for my husband = as a favor)
- Charlie is speaking **for** me. (speaking in my place) / Charlie is speaking **to** me. (speaking directly to me)

### REVIEW TO X FOR:

**TO** = to talk about a direct connection to a destination or recipient

**FOR** = to talk about the purpose or reason for something or to show an indirect connection (doing a favor or serving in someone's place)

### **EXERCISE**

Fill in the blanks with TO or FOR.

1.	What time did you get the meeting this morning?
2.	I'm making dinner my husband tonight. It's his birthday.
3.	Oh no! I sent a confidential e-mail the wrong person!
4.	Vitamin E is good your hair and nails.
5.	Let me open the door you. You have your hands full.
6.	I need to get the airport asap! My flight is going to leave in an hour!
7.	What did you get Mary her birthday?
8.	Can you give this message John me? I won't see him until tomorrow.
9.	I'm so excited because we are going the beach this weekend!
10	I bought these shoes my wedding 3 years ago.



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## **RESPOSTAS**

- **1.** to
- **2.** for
- **3.** to
- **4.** for
- **5.** for **6.** to
- **7.** for
- **8.** to, for
- **9.** to
- **10.** for

