Clauses of Purpose – How do we form them?

A. the same subject – infinitive or clause

to + infinitive
in order to + infinitive
so as to + infinitive
so that + clause* (see part B)

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    - *I went to England **to learn** English.*
    - *I went to England **in order to learn** English.*
    - *I went to England **so as to learn** English.*
    - *I went to England **so that I could learn** English.*

Negative:

in order not to + infinitive
so as not to + infinitive
so that + clause* (see part B)

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    - *He drives carefully **in order not to** have an accident.*
    - *He drives carefully **so as not to** have an accident.*
    - *He drives carefully **so that he won't** have an accident.*

B. two different subjects – so that + clause

so that + can/may/will : present/future reference
so that + could/might/would: past reference

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    - *I'll give you some money **so that** you **can** do some shopping for me.*
    - *Ukrainian people risk their lives **so that** we **may** live in peace.*
    - *She hid the letter **so that** he **wouldn't** find out the truth.*

C. for + a noun/-ing form

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    - *I am going out for a walk.*
    - *We use this knife for cutting cheese.*

D. in case + present/future

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  - *I'll write down your address in case I forget it.*
  - *Take an umbrella with you in case it should rain. (* a possibility is less sure)

E. other possible expressions

with a view to/with the aim of/with the idea of + -ing form

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  - *All precautions have been taken with a view to decreasing the number of infected people.*

prevent + noun/pronoun + from + -ing form

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  - *I closed the window to prevent my daughter from falling out.*

avoid + -ing form

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  - *She is taking a lot of vitamins to avoid catching a cold.*