CONSTRUCTIONS WITH „ABY“

The conjunction “ABY“ means **"to, in order to, so that"**. The conjunction “ABY“ is connected with auxiliary form in the following way:

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| *singular* | *plural* |
| 1. abych (studoval) | 1. abychom (studovali) |
| 2. abys (studoval) | 2. abyste (studovali) |
| 3. aby (studoval) | 3. aby (studovali) |
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The verb used in the sentence with "aby" is always in the **—l form** (e. g. Chci, abys odešel), no matter in what person or tense the verb in the first sentence is.

*Examples:*

* Budu chtít, **abys to věděl**.
* Chtěli, **abys to věděl**.
* Chtěli bychom, **abys to věděl.**

**THE CLAUSES WITH “ABY“** **express:**

**a) PURPOSE**

Jím ovoce, abych byl zdravý.

Učím se česky, abych mohl mluvit s pacienty.

Vzal jsem si aspirin, aby mě nebolela hlava.

**b) REQUEST, ADVICE**

(constructions like "I want something to happen" or "I want someone to do something" after verbs of “telling” and “wishing”, where English has an infinitive with “to”:

Verbs expressing commands, requests or advice taking the conditional with „aby“:

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| **říct, požádat, chtít, radit/poradit, doporučit, dovolit, prosit, navrhnout** |

* Řekl **jim**, aby **mluvili** pomalu. – He told **them** to speak slowly.
* Požádal **mě**, **abych** mu pomohl. – He asked **me** to help him.
* Chci, **abys** na mě počkal. – I want **you** to wait for me.
* Radím **ti**, **aby ses** vrátil (reflexive verb). – I advise **you** to come back.
* Doporučuji **ti**, **aby sis** to koupil (reflexive verb). – I recommend **you** to buy that.
* Dovolte **mi**, **abych** se představil. – Allow **me** to introduce myself.
* Požádali **nás**, **abychom** jim pomohli. – They asked us to help them.

*Remember to always place a comma in front of "aby".*