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:

singular   *plural*
1. abych (studoval)   1. abychom (studovali)
2. abys (studoval)   2. abyste (studovali)
3. aby (studoval)   3. aby (studovali)

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, <u>abych byl</u> zdravý.
Učím se česky, <u>abych mohl </u>mluvit s pacienty.
Vzal jsem si aspirin, <u>aby </u>mě <u>nebolela </u>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":

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".