

PURPOSE CLAUSES - EXERCISES

1. Join the following sentences using "so that", "in case", "for fear", "prevent" or "avoid"

1. They tidied the office. The managing director might drop in.

2. They bought some extra Coke. They were afraid of running out.

3. She got up early. She didn't want to be late.

4. She gave her children some books. She wanted them to read quietly

5. They got summer jobs. They wanted to save some money.

6. We took some ward clothing. It could have started snowing.

7. They chained the dog up. They didn't want it to bite anyone.

8. She gave up smoking. She wanted to feel healthier.

9. They sent the notice to all their employees. They wanted everyone to be aware of it.

10. They had the roof mended. They didn't want the house to become damp.

11. He told a white lie. He didn't want to hurt her feelings.

12. The put up decorations. They wanted their guests to be impressed.

13. She took the matches away from the children. She didn't want them to start a fire.

2. Finish the following sentences without changing the meaning of the sentences printed before them.

1. They tied the dog up for fear it might escape.
They tied dog up in

2. We didn't phone you in case we woke you up.
We didn't phone you so

3. She opened the door quietly because she didn't want to wake the baby.
She opened the door quietly to

4. He turned down the music so that he wouldn't disturb his neighbours.
He turned down the music for fear

5. They daren't announce the news because they might worry the public.
They daren't announce the news for

6. She left the key under the mat so that she would not get locked out.
She left the key under the mat to.....

7. He drove carefully to prevent an accident.
He drove carefully for

8. You should tell her because it's possible she hasn't heard.
You should tell her in

9. He did the exercise carefully because he didn't want to have to re-do it.

He did the exercise carefully for

10. He prepared plenty of food so they wouldn't run out.

He prepared plenty of food in

11. They installed an alarm system for fear they might be robbed.

They installed an alarm system because

12. I won't phone them because they might be asleep.

I won't phone them for

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