

33 What things are for

English uses gerunds and infinitives to talk about why people use things. This is useful for describing the purpose of everyday objects and household gadgets.

 **New language** Gerunds and infinitives

Aa Vocabulary Household gadgets

 **New skill** Talking about why you use things

33.1 KEY LANGUAGE GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

When you talk about why you generally use things, you can use "for" with a gerund, or the infinitive ("to" plus verb). The meaning is the same.



I use my blender { **for making** **to make** } soup.

The present simple expresses a routine action.

"For" with a gerund

Infinitive



33.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES



She uses her laptop { **for writing** **to write** } emails.



He uses this cloth { **for washing** **to wash** } the dishes.



33.3 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL

I use this knife to chop vegetables.

- 1 They use the microwave for _____ food.
- 2 We use our juicer to _____ fruit juice.
- 3 She uses her phone for _____ her friends.
- 4 They use this corkscrew to _____ bottles of wine.
- 5 He uses his laptop for _____ movies.

texting

~~chop~~

open

watching

heating

make



33.4 KEY LANGUAGE INFINITIVES FOR SPECIFIC ACTIONS

When you talk about why someone does a specific action rather than what you do with something in general, you must use the infinitive. It is incorrect to use "for" and a gerund in this case.

Sentence refers to a specific action, not a routine action.

I turned on my laptop **to write** an email. ✓

Sentence refers to one particular email, not emails in general.

I turned on my laptop **for writing** an email. ✗



33.5 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

I went to the washing machine

1 I turned on the heating

2 You use a refrigerator

3 He uses this remote control

4 We turned on our sound system

5 I sometimes use my smartphone

to keep food fresh.

for taking photos.

to warm up the house.

to do the laundry.

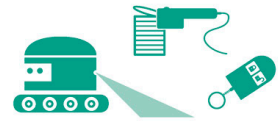
for turning on the TV.

to listen to music.



33.6 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

On a radio show, three inventors present their new gadgets.



Bilal's gadget is for household cleaning.

True ☒ False ☐

1 Bilal's gadget can find dirt on the floor.

True ☐ False ☐

2 Harry's gadget is for opening bottles.

True ☐ False ☐

3 You press a button to use Harry's gadget.

True ☐ False ☐

4 You use Lauren's gadget when you are at home.

True ☐ False ☐

5 Lauren's gadget can keep your house secure.

True ☐ False ☐

33.7 KEY LANGUAGE PHRASAL VERBS

Things you do with gadgets are often explained in English using separable phrasal verbs.



It's too hot in here. Let's

turn on the fan.
turn the fan on.

The particle can come straight after the verb.



Can you **turn the radio up?**
turn up the radio? I can't hear it.

The particle can come after the object.



33.8 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL

I always turn the light off when I leave a room.

- 1 He sometimes _____ the TV _____ too loud.
- 2 My laptop has a low battery. I need to _____ it _____.
- 3 You shouldn't _____ emails _____. It wastes paper.
- 4 Remember to _____ the computer _____ after work.

down plug
out turns
in ~~turn~~
shut up
print ~~off~~



33.9 USE THE WORDS IN THE PANEL TO DESCRIBE THE GADGETS, SPEAKING OUT LOUD



You use it to make coffee.



3 It's for _____ to music.



1 It's for _____ your phone.



4 It's for _____ cans.



2 You use it to _____ your hair.



5 You use it to _____ photos.

listening

take

~~make~~

opening

dry

charging



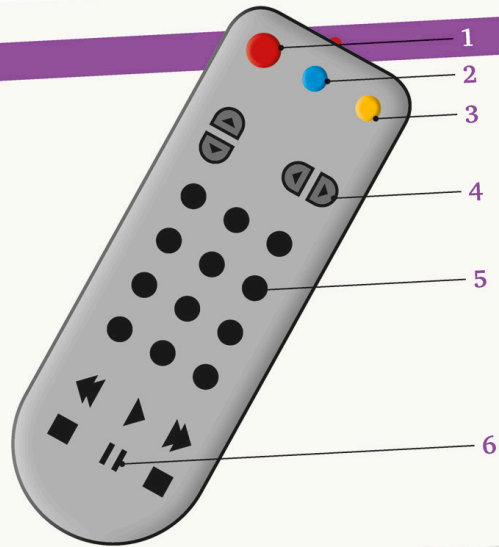


33.10 READ THE GUIDE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

YOUR GUIDE TO YOUR NEW ALL-IN-ONE REMOTE

This versatile remote is for controlling all the audio-visual equipment in your home.

- 1 The red button is for turning the TV on and off.
- 2 Use the blue button to control the DVD player.
- 3 The yellow button is for turning the sound system on and off.
- 4 Use these buttons to change TV channels, or skip tracks when you listen to music.
- 5 The round black buttons are for selecting a particular TV channel.
- 6 Use this button to pause DVDs, music, or live TV.



What gadget can't you control using the all-in-one remote?

- The television** ☐
- The refrigerator** ☒
- The sound system** ☐

- 1 What can you do if you press the red button on the remote control?

- Turn on the TV** ☐
- Turn the TV up** ☐
- Pause the TV** ☐

- 2 Which button are you most likely to use for watching movies?

- The red button** ☐
- The blue button** ☐
- The yellow button** ☐

- 3 Why would you press the yellow button on the remote control?

- To watch a documentary** ☐
- To listen to music** ☐
- To change TV channels** ☐

- 4 What gadget can't you control using the buttons labeled 4?

- The DVD player** ☐
- The sound system** ☐
- The TV** ☐

- 5 Which gadget are the round black buttons for?

- The sound system** ☐
- The DVD player** ☐
- The TV** ☐

33 ✓ CHECKLIST



Gerunds and infinitives ☐

Aa Household gadgets ☐



Talking about why you use things ☐