To vs For:
To vs For: Expressing Purpose

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. I went to the supermarket ___ buy some vegetables.
   a) for   b) of
   c) to   d) with

2. This cream is ___ dry skin.
   a) to   b) for
   c) of   d) with

3. We need a bigger bag ___ all these books.
   a) to   b) of
   c) with   d) for

4. She called me ___ invite me to the party.
   a) to   b) for
   c) of   d) with

5. He's saving money ___ travel around the world.
   a) of   b) for
   c) to   d) with

6. I use this app ___ learning new vocabulary.
   a) for   b) to
   c) of   d) at

7. Is there a special tool ___ opening jars?
   a) to   b) of
   c) at   d) for

8. We stopped at a café ___ have a cup of coffee.
   a) for   b) to
   c) with   d) of

9. She bought a new dress ___ the wedding.
   a) to   b) of
   c) for   d) at

10. They went to the library ___ study for their exam.
    a) to   b) of
    c) for   d) with

11. I turned on the computer ___ check my emails.
    a) for   b) of
    c) at   d) to

12. This room is ___ meetings and presentations.
    a) to   b) for
    c) at   d) of

13. He left early ___ catch the first train.
    a) for   b) to
    c) of   d) at

14. Do you have anything ___ a headache?
    a) to   b) at
    c) of   d) for

15. We use a thermometer ___ measuring temperature.
    a) for   b) to
    c) of   d) with

16. I'm going to the shops ___ get some milk.
    a) for   b) of
    c) to   d) at

17. She prepared a special meal ___ the guests.
    a) to   b) for
    c) of   d) at

18. She sat down ___ rest her legs after the long walk.
    a) at   b) for
    c) of   d) to

19. They hired a tutor ___ help their son with maths.
    a) to   b) for
    c) of   d) at

20. What's the best exercise ___ losing weight?
    a) of   b) to
    c) at   d) for

Answers

1. c) to
2. b) for
3. d) for
4. a) to
5. c) to
6. a) for
7. d) for
8. b) to
9. c) for
10. a) to
11. d) to
12. b) for
13. b) to
14. d) for
15. a) for
16. c) to
17. b) for
18. d) to
19. a) to
20. d) for

Explanations

1. "to" (c)
Use 'to' + infinitive verb to express purpose: 'to buy' means 'in order to buy'.

2. "for" (b)
Use 'for' + noun to express the purpose of an object: 'for dry skin' tells us what the cream is designed for.

3. "for" (d)
Use 'for' + noun when describing what something is needed for: 'for all these books' tells us the bag's purpose.

4. "to" (a)
Use 'to' + infinitive to express the purpose of an action: 'to invite' explains why she called.

5. "to" (c)
Use 'to' + infinitive verb to express purpose: 'to travel' explains why he is saving money.

6. "for" (a)
Use 'for' + gerund (-ing form) to describe the purpose of a tool or object: 'for learning' tells us what the app is used for.

7. "for" (d)
Use 'for' + gerund (-ing form) to describe the function of a tool: 'for opening jars' tells us what the tool does.

8. "to" (b)
Use 'to' + infinitive to express purpose: 'to have a cup of coffee' explains why we stopped.

9. "for" (c)
Use 'for' + noun to express what something is intended for: 'for the wedding' tells us the occasion.

10. "to" (a)
Use 'to' + infinitive to express purpose: 'to study' explains why they went to the library.

11. "to" (d)
Use 'to' + infinitive to express purpose: 'to check' explains why the computer was turned on.

12. "for" (b)
Use 'for' + noun to describe the purpose of a place or thing: 'for meetings and presentations' tells us the room's function.

13. "to" (b)
Use 'to' + infinitive to express purpose: 'to catch the first train' explains why he left early.

14. "for" (d)
Use 'for' + noun to ask about something designed to deal with a problem: 'for a headache' means 'to treat a headache'.

15. "for" (a)
Use 'for' + gerund to describe the function of an instrument: 'for measuring temperature' tells us what the thermometer does.

16. "to" (c)
Use 'to' + infinitive to express purpose: 'to get some milk' explains the reason for going.

17. "for" (b)
Use 'for' to indicate the beneficiary — the people the meal was prepared to benefit: 'for the guests'.

18. "to" (d)
Use 'to' + infinitive to express purpose: 'to rest her legs' explains why she sat down.

19. "to" (a)
Use 'to' + infinitive to express purpose: 'to help their son' explains why they hired a tutor.

20. "for" (d)
Use 'for' + gerund to ask about the purpose or effectiveness of something: 'for losing weight' describes the goal.