

# UNIT 7 What's this for?

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- ♥ Infinitives and gerunds for uses and purposes.  
Infinitivos y gerundios para usos y propósitos.
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Imperativos e infinitivos para sugerencias.

## *Infinitives and gerunds for uses and purposes.*

Purpose can be expressed by (Los propósitos pueden ser expresados por):

The infinitive alone: *I use my cell phone **to send** messages.* or  
El infinitivo sólo: *Uso mi celular para enviar mensajes o*

*Cell phones are used **to send** messages.*  
Los celulares son usados para enviar mensajes.

The gerund: *I use my cell phone **for sending** messages.*  
El gerundio: *Uso mi celular para enviar mensajes o*

*Cell phones are used **for sending** messages.*  
Los celulares son usados para enviar mensajes.

Podrás notar que con el infinitivo usamos "TO + verbo" y con el gerundio usamos la preposición "FOR + verbo con ING", en tanto que en español en ambas formas lo traducimos como infinitivo.

### Exercise 1:

Write two sentences; one in infinitive and the other in gerund:

1. Video game

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2. iPod



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3. A modem

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4. A memory stick.



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Answers:

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| 1. I use my video game to play different kind of games.<br>Video games are used for playing different kind of games. | 3. A modem is used to connect computers to phones<br>A modem is used for connecting computers to phones. |
| 2. I use my iPod to reproduce my favorite music.<br>iPods are used for reproducing music.                            | 4. A memory stick is used to store information<br>A memory stick is used for storing information         |

## *Imperatives and infinitives for giving suggestions.*

As you know **Imperatives** are used, for example, to tell or ask people what to do, to make suggestions, to give advice or instructions, to encourage and offer, and to express wishes for people's welfare

para el bienestar de las personas.

**Affirmative Imperatives have the same form as the infinitive without to; negative imperative is constructed with "do not (don't) + infinitive".**

Los imperativos afirmativos tienen la misma forma que los infinitivos pero sin "To"; el imperativo negativo se construye con "do not (don't (contracción)) + el infinitivo.

**Infinitives do not usually show the actual times of actions or events. They usually refer to actions and events in a more general way. Infinitives are generally used with the marker to.** Los infinitivos generalmente no muestran el tiempo real de las acciones o eventos. Generalmente se refieren a acciones y eventos de manera general. Los infinitivos son generalmente usados con la partícula "to"

*JILL DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO USE A DIGITAL VIDEO CAMARA RECORDER, PLEASE HELP HER. Use the following expressions:*

Remember to    try to    make sure to    don't forget to    try not to    be sure to

- \_\_\_\_\_ save your image data periodically, after recording.
- \_\_\_\_\_ fasten the grip belt and hold your camcorder correctly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ replace the battery with the specified type only.
- \_\_\_\_\_ expose the unit to rain or moisture.
- \_\_\_\_\_ turn the Power switch to turn on your camcorder.
- \_\_\_\_\_ test the recording functions to make sure the image and sound are being recorded without any problem.
- \_\_\_\_\_ insert the Memory Stick duo into the Memory Stick duo slot in the right direction until it clicks.

Answers: It could be anyone.