

purpose**1.** ['pʊ:zə] *n***1. цель, намерение; замысел**

on purpose - нарочно, с целью

to the purpose - кстати, к делу

beside the purpose - нецелесообразно

of set purpose - с умыслом, предумышленно, преднамеренно

for practical purposes - для практических целей, с практической целью

to answer /to serve/ one's /the/ purpose - соответствовать своему назначению, отвечать требованиям, подходить, годиться

that serves no purpose - это не годится; это не отвечает требованиям/не соответствует своему назначению/

to pursue a purpose steadily - упорно преследовать цель

to gain /to achieve, to effect/ one's purpose - добиться /достичь/ своей цели

the purpose of his visit - цель его посещения

a novel with a purpose - тенденциозный роман

what was your purpose in doing that? - с какой целью вы это сделали?

we're (talking) at cross purposes - мы друг друга не понимаем

we were at cross purposes the whole time - мы всё время говорим о разных вещах

2. результат, успех

to good purpose - с большим успехом; с большой пользой

to little purpose - почти безуспешно, безрезультатно

to no purpose - напрасно, тщетно, безуспешно

to some purpose - с некоторой пользой; небесполезно; не без успеха

3. 1) целеустремлённость, целенаправленность

sense of purpose - целеустремлённость

man of purpose - целеустремлённый человек

2) воля, решительность

wanting in purpose - слабовольный, нерешительный

he is weak of purpose - он нерешителен

2. ['pʊ:zə] *v***иметь целью, намереваться; замышлять**

they purpose a further attempt - они намерены предпринять новую попытку

to be purposed - *ycm.* намереваться**purpose**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

pur·pose [purpose purposes purposed purposing] *BrE* ['pʊzəpəʃ] *NAmE*['pʊzəpəʃ] *noun***1. countable** the intention, aim or function of sth; the thing that sth is supposed to achieve

- Our campaign's main purpose is to raise money.
- The purpose of the book is to provide a complete guide to the university.
- A meeting was called **for the purpose of** appointing a new treasurer.
- The experiments **serve no useful purpose** (= are not useful) .
- The building is used for religious purposes.

2. purposes plural what is needed in a particular situation

- These gifts count as income for tax purposes.
- **For the purposes of** this study, the three groups have been combined.

3. countable, uncountable meaning that is important and valuable to you

- Volunteer work gives her life **(a sense of) purpose** .

4. uncountable the ability to plan sth and work successfully to achieve it**Syn:** ↑determination

- He has enormous confidence and **strength of purpose** .

see also ↑cross purposes**more at** to all intents and purposes **at** ↑intent *n.* for (all) practical purposes **at** ↑practical *adj.*| *idioms* ↑no purpose ▪ ↑on purposeWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French *porpos*, from the verb *porposer*, variant of *proposer*, from Latin *proponere* 'set forth' (from *pro-* 'forward' + *ponere* 'put').Thesaurus:**purpose** *noun***1. C**

- The main purpose of the campaign is to raise money.

aim • • **objective** • • **object** • • **point** • • **idea** • • **goal** • • **target** • • **intention** • • **plan** • • **end** • |formal law **intent** •**with** the purpose/aim/objective/object/idea/goal/intention/intent **of** doing sthsb's purpose/aim/intention/plan/intent **that...****have** a/an purpose/aim/objective/object/point/goal/target/intention/plan/intent**2. C**

- The building is used for religious purposes.

function • • **use** •

a **useful** purpose/function
have a purpose/function/use
serve/fulfil a purpose/function

3. C, U

- Volunteer work gives her life a sense of purpose.

vocation • • **mission** •

find your purpose/vocation/mission
a **sense of** purpose/vocation/mission
sb's purpose/vocation/mission **in life**

Synonyms:

purpose

aim • **intention** • **plan** • **point** • **idea**

These are all words for talking about what sb/sth intends to do or achieve.

purpose • what sth is supposed to achieve; what sb is trying to achieve: ▫ Our campaign's main purpose is to raise money.

aim • what sb is trying to achieve; what sth is supposed to achieve: ▫ She went to London with the aim of finding a job. ◇ ▫ Our main aim is to increase sales in Europe.

purpose or aim?

Your **purpose** for doing something is your reason for doing it; your **aim** is what you want to achieve. **Aim** can suggest that you are only trying to achieve sth; **purpose** gives a stronger sense of achievement being certain. **Aim** can be **sb's aim** or **the aim of sth**. **Purpose** is more usually **the purpose of sth**: you can talk about **sb's purpose** but that is more formal.

intention • what you intend to do: ▫ I have no intention of going to the wedding. ◇ ▫ She's full of ▫ good intentions ▫ but they rarely work out.

plan • what you intend to do or achieve: ▫ There are no plans to build new offices.

intention or plan?

Your **intentions** are what you want to do, especially in the near future; your **plans** are what you have decided or arranged to do, often, but not always, in the longer term.

point • (rather informal) the purpose or aim of sth: ▫ What's the point ▫ of all this violence? ◇ ▫ The point of the lesson is to compare the two countries.

idea • (rather informal) the purpose of sth; sb's aim: ▫ The whole idea of going was so that we could meet her new boyfriend. ◇ ▫ What's the idea ▫ behind this?

point or idea?

Point is a more negative word than **idea**. If you say **What's the point...?** you are suggesting that there is no point; if you say **What's the idea...?** you are genuinely asking a question. **Point**, but not **idea**, is used to talk about things you feel annoyed or unhappy about: There's no idea in... ◇ I don't see the idea of...

with the purpose/aim/intention/idea **of** doing sth

sb's intention/plan **to do sth**

to **have** a(n) purpose/aim/intention/plan/point

to **achieve /fulfil** a(n) purpose/aim

Example Bank:

- Encouraged by her example, they all set to work with a fresh sense of purpose.
- For comparative purposes, the populations of three other cities are also shown.
- He slammed the door on purpose.
- I finally realized that we were talking at cross purposes.
- I put the chair there for a purpose.
- Let's assume he knows, for the purposes of our argument.
- Nominally she is the secretary, but for all practical purposes she runs the place.
- She saw being a doctor as her purpose in life.
- The cycling events will take place in a purpose-built 20 000-seater stadium.
- The drug can be sold for medicinal purposes only.
- The old mill has been put to good purpose.
- The plan achieved its primary purpose, if nothing else.
- The same information can be put to many purposes
- The school was founded with the express purpose of teaching deaf children to speak.
- These bars serve no useful purpose.
- They had great confidence and strength of purpose.
- You will need to have the vehicle valued for insurance purposes.
- a general-purpose cleaning fluid
- a group of individuals sharing a common purpose
- a measure introduced for the purpose of protecting the interests of investors
- a toy with the dual purpose of entertaining and developing memory skills
- the view that art should serve a social purpose
- For the purposes of this study, the three groups have been combined.
- He did not want anything to distract him from his purpose.
- He has enormous confidence and strength of purpose.
- Teachers need to give a purpose to the activities and assignments they give to students.

- The experiments serve no useful purpose.
- The main purpose of the campaign is to raise money.
- Volunteer work gives her life a sense of purpose.

purpose

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

purpose **S2 W2** /'pʊrpoʊs/ 'pʊr-BrE " AmE " noun

[**Word Family**: noun: ↑purpose, ↑purposefulness ≠ ↑purposelessness; **adverb**: ↑purposefully ≠ ↑purposelessly, ↑purposefully;
adjective: ↑purposeful ≠ ↑purposeless]

[**Date**: 1200-1300; **Language**: Old French; **Origin**: purpos, from purposer 'to intend', from Latin proponere; ⇒ ↑propound]

1. [countable] the purpose of something is what it is intended to achieve

purpose of

▪ The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new chairman.

▪ What is the purpose of your visit?

the purpose of doing something

▪ The purpose of conducting a business is to make money.

for the purpose of doing something

▪ Troops were sent solely for the purpose of assisting refugees.

for medical/political/decorative etc purposes

▪ I should be legitimate to use cannabis for medical purposes.

sole/primary/main etc purpose

▪ The protection of children is the primary purpose of this legislation.

serve a purpose (=achieve something)

▪ I would serve no useful purpose to re-open the investigation.

2. [countable] a plan or aim:

▪ Nick had no particular purpose in mind when he started.

sb's purpose in doing something

▪ Attending the race was not my purpose in coming to Indianapolis.

with the purpose of doing something

▪ He came here with the purpose of carrying out the attack.

3. for ... purposes in a particular situation or when being considered in a particular way:

▪ For tax purposes, you will be treated as a married couple.

▪ The details are, for the present purposes, irrelevant.

for the purposes of something

▪ For the purposes of this book, America is taken to include the continent north of Mexico.

4. on purpose deliberately

do something on purpose

▪ You make it sound as if I did it on purpose!

5. FEELING [uncountable] a feeling of determination to achieve things in life:

▪ It's so important to have a sense of purpose that it underlies human happiness.

▪ My football career was over and I had no purpose in life.

▪ He possessed great strength of purpose.

6. for all practical purposes (also to all intents and purposes) used to say that something is so close to the truth that it can be considered to be the truth:

▪ The war, to all intents and purposes, was over.

▪ We have a Secretary of State for Scotland who is for all practical purposes a Scottish Prime Minister.

7. serve its purpose if something has served its purpose, it has done what you needed it to do:

▪ We delete the data once it has served its purpose.

8. defeat the purpose to fail to achieve the result you want:

▪ Anxiety will cause tension, which defeats the purpose of the exercise (=the activity or plan).

9. to no purpose formal without any useful results:

▪ She called after them, but to no purpose.

10. to the purpose old-fashioned useful or helpful

⇒ ↑purposefully, ↑cross-purposes

• • •

COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ adjectives

▪ **the main/primary purpose** The main purpose of our trip to Arran was to see golden eagles.

▪ **the sole purpose** I used to bake cakes for the sole purpose of giving them away.

▪ **the real purpose** What was the real purpose of their visit?

▪ **the whole purpose (=used for emphasis)** The whole purpose of running a business is to make money.

▪ **sth's original purpose** The building is no longer needed for its original purpose.

▪ **a useful purpose** Nuclear weapons serve no useful purpose and should be banned.

▪ **a practical purpose** These materials are too fine to have a practical purpose in daily life.

▪ **a dual purpose (=two purposes)** A dog can fulfil a dual purpose by providing both company and security.

▪ **a common purpose (=one that people share)** We were bound together by a common purpose.

▪ **a specific/particular purpose** Training is the acquisition of knowledge and skills for a specific purpose.

■ phrases

▪ **for political/military/educational/medicinal etc purposes** This technology could be used for military purposes.

▪ **for business/research etc purposes** About one in five of all trips are made for business purposes.

verbs

- **have a purpose** A meeting should have a clear purpose.
- **serve/fulfil a purpose** (=be used in a particular way) The building must have served a religious purpose. | Many old school buildings are no longer suitable for fulfilling their original purpose.
- **achieve your purpose** (=achieve what you wanted to achieve) She had achieved her purpose, at least in part.

• • •

THESAURUS

- **purpose** the reason you do something, and the thing you want to achieve when you do it: What is the purpose of your visit to England? | The plant is used for medicinal purposes.
- **aim** what you want to achieve when you do something: The main aims of the project are as follows. | Their ultimate aim is to find a cure for cancer.
- **goal** something that you hope to achieve in the future, even though this may take a long time: I took Mandela over forty years to achieve his goal of a democratic South Africa. | the goal of ending child poverty
- **objective** something that you are working hard to achieve, especially in business or politics: The bank achieved its objective of increasing its share of the market. | The government's long-term objective is to cut CO2 emissions by 50%.
- **the object of something** *formal* the specific purpose of an activity: The object of the game is to get as many points as possible. | The students will benefit, and that must be the object of the exercise (=the main thing that you are trying to do).
- **the point** the purpose of doing something and the reason why it is right or necessary: At fourteen, I couldn't see the point of going to school. | What's the point in waiting? (=I don't think it is useful or necessary)
- **intention** the purpose that you have in your mind when you do something: He kept his real intentions well hidden. | Although we made a lot of money, this wasn't our original intention.
- **ends** the result that someone is trying to achieve – used especially when you disapprove of what someone is doing: They are using religion for political ends. | The ends do not justify the means (=you should not use violence, cruelty, dishonest behaviour etc to achieve your aims).

purpose

Freakuency Pack

12500 **643**^{MCW}

15000 **1033**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k** **PURPOSE** 45217

purpose 29027

purposes 13027

purposely 999

purposeful 1005

purposefully 807

purposefulness 56

purposeless 107

purposelessness 23

purposive 166

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

18386 **1458**²⁸⁸⁸¹ *nn1*

69 **84158**⁸² *nnu*

63 **95550**⁶⁴ *vv0*