

In Order That

He worked long hours in order that his family could eat.

This is an equivalent form to “so that” – a superordinate conjunction.

In Order To

This is a simpler form, where the subject is shared, so it is only necessary to use an infinitive.

He worked long hours in order to give his family a good life.

The phrase could be left out here, whereas in other uses it cannot be dispensed with, the connection being less direct (or less obvious).

In order to leave, he would need a reason.

A function shall be provided in order to set states.

This is not

A function shall be provided to set states.

Which suggests the function sets states. Instead, it implies an external agent

A function shall be provided so that a user is able to set states (using the function).

We will make

In order (to)

An infinitive superordinate conjunction, in that it is followed by an infinitive to form a superordinate clause.

We will need to protect against

He put them in order to make it easy to find the right one.

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