# **Infinitives of Purpose**

Match the actions with their purposes:

**Action**

\_\_\_\_1. She bought a new iphone because she

\_\_\_\_2. He took the bus because he

\_\_\_\_3. We turned our phones off because we

\_\_\_\_4. She recorded her favorite TV show because she

\_\_\_\_5. She went to the Best Buy because she

**Purpose**

1. didn’t want to get calls.
2. wanted to the latest model.
3. wanted to buy a new iPad.
4. didn’t want to be late.
5. didn’t want to miss it.

## **Explaining the reason or use for something**

An infinitive is **to + base form of a verb.**

To tell the reason for something, we can use an infinitive of purpose in place of the word “because.”

### **Form of an infinitive of purpose:**

to + (not) base form of the verb – to arrive on time; to not be late

in order to + (not) base form of the verb - in order to have the latest model; in order to not have an outdated version

How can the sentences be combined using infinitives of purpose?

1. She bought an iphone to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2.
3.
4.

## **Practice:**

Write your answers these questions. Use infinitives of purpose [to + (not) verb, in order to + (not) verb]. Try to use at least one negative. Then ask and answer the questions with a classmate.

1. Why did you come to live in the USA?
2. Why are you taking this English class?
3. Why is it important to wear a seat belt while driving or riding in a car?
4. Why must a person arrive on time for an appointment, such as a job interview?
5. Why should people exercise regularly?
6. Why it is a bad idea to eat fast food every day?
7. Why is education valuable?
8. What do you use a computer or cell phone to do?