

Grammar

Linking words: Cause & Effect – Exercise

Use the linking word in brackets to formulate the same idea as the original sentence containing 'so'.

If there are several formulation possibilities, choose one. Make sure you use the correct punctuation.

Examples:
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I'm tired, so I'm going to bed. (because) I'm going to bed because I'm tired Because I'm tired, I'm going to bed
The weather was bad, so we cancelled the match. (because of)
We cancelled the match because of the bad weather
We cancelled the match because of the weather being bad
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1. He hadn't studied, so he failed the test. (because)
2. The experiment was flawed, so they withdrew their conclusions.(since)
3. All the supermarkets were shut, so we had to eat out. (as)
4. They both work full-time, so they hardly ever see each other.(since)
5. She's unemployed, so she's always behind with her bills. (as)



6. That was a very rude comment, so she's angry. (because)
7. The majority of the board members were absent, so the meeting had to be cancelled. (therefore
8. These two words are synonyms, so they can be used interchangeably. (therefore)
9. The company is in financial difficulty, so its share price has fallen.(consequently)
10. They're similar, so they get on quite well. (because of)
11. I felt exhausted, so I had to take a few days off. (due to)
12. The firm is expanding, so new staff are being hired. (owing to)
13. I had a good night's sleep, so I'm completely refreshed. (thanks to)
14. She made enquiries, so we found out the truth. (thanks to)
15. He's made very serious mistakes, so he's been fired. (because of)