

Because and so

Look at these sentences. Notice the difference between **because** and **so**.

- 1 a We were very tired **because** we didn't sleep on the plane.
 b We didn't sleep on the plane **so** we were very tired.
- 2 a Jo can speak Spanish **so** she ordered the food.
 b Jo ordered the food **because** she can speak Spanish.

Tip • We usually put **because** and **so** in the middle of the sentence.

1 I didn't go swimming. I can't swim. **so**-because

2 I was very tired. I went to bed early. **so**-because

3 He went by train. He hates flying. **so**-because

4 There weren't any taxis. We rented a car. **so**-because

5 I closed the window. It was cold. **so**-because

6 It was cold. I shut the window. **so**-because

7 The water wasn't clean. We didn't swim. **so**-because

Look at these sentence. Notice how we use **when**.

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When we arrived at our hotel, we slept for nine hours.

- We can put **when** at the beginning or in the middle of the sentence.

We slept for nine hours **when** we got to our hotel.

- We usually use a comma (,) if **when** is at the beginning of the sentence.

Write these sentences with **when**. (There is sometimes more than one answer.)

1 We arrived in Paris. We went for a walk.

2 I got home. I phoned my sister.

3 I was young. There were no houses here.

4 I was single. I came to the UK.

5 I didn't speak English. I left my country.

Read about Ollie and Jo's holiday again. Underline all the examples of **because**, **so** and **when**.