



PSLE English Mastery
Synthesis /
Transformation
The Write Tribe

Reason, result & purpose



so, so ...that, such ... that

- You use **so** to talk about a result. The reason comes first, followed by **so**.

- Dad forgot to charge his mobile phone. He could not use it.
- Dad forgot to charge his mobile phone so he could not use it.

reason	result
Dad forgot to charge his mobile phone	he could not use it

- You cannot make the word “anger” plural because it is uncountable.
- The word “anger” is uncountable so you cannot make it plural.

- Mum gave me too much rice and I could not eat it all.
- Mum gave me too much rice so I could not eat it all.

- You use **so ... that** or **such ... that** to talk about the result of something that is “to a large degree”. The word **so** is followed by an adjective or adverb. The word **such** is followed by a noun or noun phrase.

Do not include "very" in the combined sentence.

- The wind was very strong. A few trees were blown down.
- The wind was so strong that a few trees were blown down.

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adjective

The word "so" means "very" in this context.

Do not include it in the combined sentence.

- The man spoke so quickly. I could not understand what he was trying to say.
- The man spoke so quickly **that** I could not understand what he was trying to say.

adverb

Do not include "top" in the combined sentence.

- The trek through the mountains was too dangerous. The rescue mission had to be called off.
- It was such a dangerous trek through the mountains that the rescue mission had to be called off.

Practice 4

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in ONE sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

1 The young actors performed so brilliantly. They have had very good reviews.

so

2 The tree is very old. Nobody remembers when it was planted.

so

3 The man is very rich. He does not need to work for a living.

so

4 The curtains were too dirty. We had to replace them.

so

5 The teacher looked very stern. All the students stopped talking immediately.

so

6 The question was very difficult. No one got it correct.

It was

result in, resulting in

If a personal pronoun follows “resulting in” or “result in”, use the object pronoun, not the subject pronoun.

Practice 5

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in ONE sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

1 The famous tourist attraction was destroyed due to the earthquake.

resulted

2 I was late for school as I missed the bus.

resulting

3 As a result of the sudden downpour, there was a massive landslide.

resulted

4 The tennis player's hopes of defending his title were dashed because he made several mistakes.

resulting

5 The plane arrived in London late because of the fog at the airport.

resulted

6 John had a stomach upset. He had to stay home.

resulted

in order to, so as to, to

- You use in order to or so as to to talk about the purpose of an action.

Do not include "want to" in the combined sentence.



- We have dug up the rose bushes. We want to grow vegetables in our garden.
- We have dug up the rose bushes in order to grow vegetables in our garden.

purpose

Do not include "would" in the combined sentence.



- I highlighted the important words in the passage. This would help me remember them better.
- I highlighted the important words in the passage so as to help me remember them better.

purpose

- These connectors are followed by verbs in the base form.

- The company moved to a larger building. It wanted to expand its business.
- The company moved to a larger building in order to expand its business.

verb in the base form

Do not include "planned to"
in the combined sentence.



- The thief stole the woman's keys. He planned to break into her house.
- The thief stole the woman's keys so as to break into her house.

verb in the base form

- You can also simply use to to introduce a purpose. The verb that follows to is in the base form.

- My sister bought a new jacket in order to wear it to the interview.
- My sister bought a new jacket to wear it to the interview.

verb in the base form

- Dad took out all the boxes from the attic. He wanted to look for an old photograph album.
- Dad took out all the boxes from the attic to look for an old photograph album.

verb in the base form

Practice 6

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in ONE sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

1 Ali turned on the light. He wanted to read his new book.

so as to

2 My sister opened the door. She wanted to let the cat out.

in order to

3 My uncle began exercising. He planned to lose some weight.

so as to

4 I have cut down on fizzy drinks. I wanted to reduce my intake of sugar.

to

5 The teacher wanted to expose the students to different cultures. She took them to the museum.

in order to

6 Pour the water into the cylinder. You will be able to measure the volume of the water.

to
