



**PSLE English Mastery**  
**Synthesis /**  
**Transformation**  
**The Write Tribe**

**Reason, result & purpose**



## so that, in order that

- You can also use **so that** to talk about the purpose of an action. The connector **so that** can be shortened to **so**. Do not confuse the use of **so** to introduce a purpose with the use of **so** to introduce a result (see page 7).
  - Put this tray of water into the freezer. We can have ice cubes for the party.
  - Put this tray of water into the freezer **so that** we can have ice cubes for the party.  
purpose
  - I went to my grandparents' house to help them with the gardening.
  - I went to my grandparents' house **so** I could help them with the gardening.  
purpose
- A purpose introduced by **so that** (or **so**) often includes one of the modal verbs **would, could, will or can**.
  - The man hides his treasure in the hole of the oak tree. No one can find it.
  - The man hides his treasure in the hole of the oak tree **so that** no one can find it.

The structure of the sentence is changed so that the meaning of the rewritten sentence is the same as the meaning of the original sentence.

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- Mum threw the bag of rubbish down the chute because she did not want the kitchen to smell.
  - Mum threw the bag of rubbish down the chute **so** the kitchen **would** not smell.
- You can also use the more formal **in order that** to introduce the purpose of an action. Unlike **so that**, you cannot remove **that** when you use **in order that**.
    - Arun oiled the moving parts of his bicycle. He did not want it to squeak when he rode it.
    - Arun oiled the moving parts of his bicycle **in order that** it would not squeak when he rode it.
    - Suzy switched on the computer in order to edit some photographs which she had taken.
    - Suzy switched on the computer **in order that** she could edit some photographs which she had taken.

### Practice 7

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 Mum covered the cooked food in order to prevent flies from contaminating it.

so that

- 2 Molly went to the hairdresser to have her hair permed.

so that

- 3 The police cordoned off the road so they could work on the case.

in order that

- 4 Jack climbed the tree to retrieve his kite.

so that

- 5 The tourists boarded an open-top bus. They wanted to have a better view of the island.

in order that

- 6 I moved forward as I wanted to read the notice on the board.

so that

## lest

- You use **lest** to talk about doing something so that something else will not happen.
- The verb that follows **lest** must be in the base form.

You may have to change negative words to positive words when you use "lest" to combine or rewrite sentences.



- Dad tiptoed into the room. He did not want to wake the baby.
- Dad tiptoed into the room **lest** he wake the baby.

verb in base form

Do not include the modal verb "can" in the rewritten sentence.



- The man hides his treasure in the hole of the oak tree so that no one can find it.
- The man hides his treasure in the hole of the oak tree **lest** someone find it.

Change the negative "no one" to the positive "someone" when you use "lest" to rewrite the sentence.

Do not include the modal verb "would" and the negative "not" in the rewritten sentence.



- Mum threw the bag of rubbish down the chute so the kitchen would not smell.
- Mum threw the bag of rubbish down the chute **lest** the kitchen smell.

verb in base form

- Alan turned down the volume of the television in case he disturbed his next-door neighbour.
- Alan turned down the volume of the television **lest** he disturb his next-door neighbour.

verb in base form

Do not include "she was afraid" and the modal verb "would" in the combined sentence.



- The little girl did not stroke the dog. She was afraid it would bite her.
- The little girl did not stroke the dog **lest** it bite her.

verb in base form

### Practice 8

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 Don't run down the stairs in case you slip and fall.

lest

- 2 I locked all the windows. I did not want anyone to break in.

lest

- 3 Mum tried not to cough because she might wake my baby brother.

lest

- 4 Julie refused to perform in the show because she did not want to make a fool of herself.

lest

- 5 Be careful with the lighter. You might burn yourself.

lest

- 6 My grandfather does not want us to touch his vase. He is afraid we will break it.

lest