

So And Because

What's the difference between "so" and "because"?

Use because to express a reason (tell why):

He is the best student **because** he studies a lot.
(result) <———— (reason)

- I didn't go to class **because** I was sick.
- We arrived early today **because** we have a meeting at 7:00 AM.
- She got presents **because** it was her birthday.

Use so to express a result (tell what it made happen):

He studies a lot, **so** he is the best student.
(reason) ———> (result)

- Jane didn't like the movie, **so** she turned off the TV.
- Yesterday was a holiday, **so** the school was closed.
- I lost my car keys, **so** I took a taxi.

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1. Fill in 'so' or 'because'.

She went to the shop	_____	she needed milk.
She was hungry	_____	she cooked dinner.
They were tired	_____	they went to bed.
I studied hard	_____	I wanted a good mark.
He went to the gym	_____	he had big muscles.
I went fishing	_____	I could have fun.
I walked to the shop	_____	the car had no petrol.
We were late	_____	the bus crashed.

2. 'So' and 'because' can often swap around.

a) I was hot **so** I went for a swim.

b) I went for a swim **because** I was hot.

Turn these sentences around.

a) I was thirsty **so** I had a drink.

b)

a) I ran to catch the bus **because** I was late.

b)

a) I came to Australia **because** I was a refugee.

b)

a) The new girl was lonely **so** I talked to her.

b)