

93 because, so, so that

Why do you want to join the police, Andrew?

Because I think it's a very interesting job.

Any other reasons?

Yes, so that I can help people.



1 because

Because joins two sentences and explains why:

Everyone loves Johnny Depp. He's a brilliant actor.

Everyone loves Johnny Depp because he's a brilliant actor.

We use because of + noun:

All the trains are late because of the bad weather.



But we cannot use because of + noun and verb:

~~*All the trains are late because of it is snowing.*~~

✓ All the trains are late because of the snow.

We can use because and because of at the beginning of a sentence. When we do this, we put a comma (,) after the first clause:

Because he's a brilliant actor, everyone loves him.

Because of the bad weather, all the trains are late.

2 so

So gives the result of something:

Lucia didn't work hard so she failed her Spanish exam.

Summers are getting hotter so different types of plants are growing.

3 so that, to + infinitive

We use so that to say why a person does something. Can and could often come after so that:

Andrew wants to join the police so that he can help people.

She worked really hard so that she could go to university.

We can also use to + infinitive instead of so that:

I'm joining the police so that I can help people.

I'm joining the police to help people.

NATURAL ENGLISH In everyday English, to + infinitive is more common than so that:

Liz has gone to the shops so that she can buy some bread.

→ Liz has gone to the shops to buy some bread.

Practice

1 Match the two parts of the sentences to tell Antonio's story.

- 0 Antonio went to Mexico to _____
- 1 He stopped work for a year so that _____
- 2 He arrived in the city and went to a hotel because _____
- 3 After three days he left the hotel because _____
- 4 He moved into a student hostel to _____
- 5 But he didn't like it there because of _____
- 6 A friend had a free room in his house so _____
- 7 His friend's sister was nice so _____
- 8 In the end Antonio stayed in Mexico so that _____

- A save money.
- B he could get married to Maria.
- C Antonio moved in with him.
- D he could spend a long time there.
- E it was too expensive.
- F study Mexican history.
- G Antonio talked to her a lot.
- H the loud noise every evening.
- I it was late and he needed a room.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation. Use one word only for each question.

ART Sorry I'm late, Sonia. The police stopped me (0) ...because... I was driving too fast.

SONIA Not again! So you were driving fast (1) get here on time, were you?

ART No, (2) I was trying to catch the car in front. The driver dropped his wallet at the petrol station and I wanted to give it back to him, (3) I followed him. I was driving fast so (4) I could catch him.

SONIA Did you catch him?

ART No, I didn't, (5) the police stopped me before I could catch him.

SONIA But why didn't they stop the other man?

ART I don't know!

SONIA It's probably because (6) your silly fast car.

ART Anyway, they took me to the police station (7) that they could interview me.

SONIA What – for driving too fast?

ART No ... it was also (8) of the wallet. They thought that I'd stolen it!

3 Write each sentence again so the second sentence means the same as the first. Use the linking words in brackets (0).

0 Janet left London because she wanted to live in the country. (to)
Janet left London to live in the country.

00 Dmitri didn't come with us because he didn't have enough money. (so)
Dmitri didn't have enough money so he didn't come with us.

1 We didn't go to the zoo because it was raining. (because of)

2 Terry went to prison because he stole a car. (so)

3 Josh wanted a bigger garden so that he could grow vegetables. (to)

4 Marion was really tired so she went to bed early. (because)

5 I can't hear anything because of your loud music. (because your)