

## Unit 82: REASON & CONSEQUENCE

Here are some ways to connect two ideas when one idea is the cause (the reason why) and the other is the result (the consequence).

### 1

| BASIC SENTENCE                 | <b>because</b> | + | REASON                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| It was difficult to follow him | <b>because</b> |   | he spoke very fast.         |
| We exchanged our money         | <b>because</b> |   | we needed foreign currency. |

Two other ways of saying **because** are **as** and **since**. We can use all of them before the basic sentence, too:

**Because** he spoke fast, it was difficult to follow him.

**As** we needed foreign currency, we exchanged our money.

### 2

| BASIC SENTENCE              | <b>so</b> | + | CONSEQUENCE                     |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---|---------------------------------|
| Nobody answered the door,   | <b>so</b> |   | I left a message and went away. |
| We needed foreign currency, | <b>so</b> |   | we exchanged our money.         |

**NOTICE:** **Because** + REASON and **so** + CONSEQUENCE cannot make sentences alone. They must have a basic sentence with them.

### 3

| REASON                          | <b>As a result</b>  | + | CONSEQUENCE         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| The exchange rate was terrible. | <b>As a result,</b> |   | we lost money.      |
| He spoke very fast.             | <b>As a result,</b> |   | we couldn't follow. |

Two other ways of writing **as a result** are **consequently** and **therefore**. We use all of them mainly in writing.

**BUT WE CANNOT USE** *As a result* for consequences of personal decision. For example, the sentences in 2 above.

## 4

### ADJECTIVE

so + or ADVERB + **that** + CONSEQUENCE

He spoke **so** fast **that** nobody could understand him.

The exchange rate was **so** bad **that** we decided to stay home.

**such** + NOUN PHRASE + **that** + CONSEQUENCE

He was **such** a fast speaker **that** nobody understood him.

It was **such** a bad exchange rate **that** we decided to stay home.