

“SO” AS CONNECTOR AND “SO” AS INTENSIFIER

We use “**so**” to connect two statements (sentences) together. The second sentence is the result of what is or was expressed when the speaker uttered the first statement.

Examples:

I am tired.

I am going to bed.

I am tired, **so** I am going to bed.

The baby is hungry. We have to feed him.

The baby is hungry, **so** we have to feed him.

I am running late.

I am going to take a taxi.

I am running late, **so** I am going to take a taxi.

He is tired of waiting. He is going home.

He is tired of waiting, **so** he is going home.

The movie was sold out.

We went to the play instead.

The movie was sold out, **so** we went to a play instead.

I have a really bad cold.

I decided to stay home from work today.

I have a really bad cold, **so** I decided to stay home from work today.

We have all we need.

We are going to start the project immediately.

We have all we need, **so** we are going to start the immediately.

They say they have been dating for a long time. They decided to get married.

They said they have been dating for a long time, **so** they decided to get married.

The book that I just read is really interesting. I am going to recommend it to my friend.

The book that I just read is really interesting, **so** I am going to recommend it to my friend.

We also use “**so**” as an intensifier. When used this way, “**so**” emphasizes the adjective. In this case, “**so**” has the same meaning as “**very**”. However, “**so**” is used in a more informal way.

SO = VERY

Examples:

Thanks **so** much for the favor.

It is **so** cold that I don't want to go out.

He is **so** kind to people.

I am **so** tired! I can't walk anymore.

This drink is **so** good! I am going to have another one.

This soup is **so** delicious! How did you make it?

It is **so** hot in here! Turn on the air conditioner, please.

I am **so** happy to see you! Where have you been?

The movie was **so** exiting, that is why we are going to watch it again.

The conference was **so** interesting and informative! Everybody had good comments about it.



Fill in the blanks with **very** or **so**. Pay attention to the context of the sentence to decide if it is a formal or informal situation.

1. He is a _____ good dancer.
2. It is _____ in here. I am going to open the door.
3. Thank you _____ for the present.
4. He is _____ well informed about this topic.
5. Today is a _____ very important day in my life.
6. The coffee is _____ hot. Wait a few minutes until it cools down.
7. This book is _____ interesting. I can't stop reading it.
8. I have _____ many things to do. I don't know where to begin.
9. He drank _____ much that he passed out.
10. Don't touch those wires. It could be _____ dangerous if you don't know what you are doing.
11. The clerk was _____ rude. I lost my temper.
12. Your ID is _____ important. Don't lose it.
13. Why are you _____ tired? Have you been working a lot?
14. It is _____ expensive to buy an apartment in Manhattan.
15. The conference was _____ well organized. Everybody was impressed.
16. Why are you _____ upset? What happened?
17. It is _____ important that you come to the meeting on time.
18. There are _____ many things I have to tell you.
19. This is a _____ special occasion. It is our wedding anniversary.
20. He is _____ busy lately. He doesn't have time to go out anymore.