

STARTER UNIT 8

so and because

speakout WRITING TIP

We use *because* to explain why we do something.

Norman went to Paris by train because he doesn't like planes.

I ate an apple because I was hungry.

We use *so* to describe what the result is.

Norman doesn't like planes, so he went to Paris by train.

I was hungry, so I ate an apple.

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 We went camping ...
 - 2 I lost my passport, ...
 - 3 I got lost in Beijing ...
 - 4 The hotel was far from the city centre, ...
 - 5 It rained all day, ...
 - 6 We stayed inside in the afternoons ...
 - 7 I was happy to leave the restaurant ...
 - 8 I didn't speak Italian, ...
- a) so I missed my plane.
 - b) because the food was bad.
 - c) so I didn't go cycling and stayed in my room.
 - d) because it was very hot.
 - e) because all the hotels were full.
 - f) so it was hard to make friends.
 - g) because I didn't speak Chinese.
 - h) so we didn't go out at night.

2 Connect the sentences using *because* or *so*.

- 1 It was very cold. We didn't go out.
- 2 I missed my train. The traffic was terrible.
- 3 I'm tired. I was at a friend's party last night.
- 4 The restaurant was very popular. I booked a table.
- 5 I drank a lot of water. It was hot.
- 6 The food was very expensive. We ate sandwiches every day.
- 7 I didn't like the beach. There were too many people.
- 8 I love Italian food and culture. I went to Rome.

3 Write sentences with the words and *because* or *so*.

- 1 Mary / studied / a lot / passed / her / exams
- 2 We / went / Cairo / last summer / my father / loves / Egyptian history
- 3 I / slept / class / yesterday / I / was / very tired
- 4 My brother / moved / Greece / last year / he / got / job / Athens
- 5 I / was / very hungry / yesterday / ate lots
- 6 It / was / very cold / I / wore / hat and gloves
- 7 I / got / some money for my birthday / bought / some new shoes

4 Complete the text with *so* or *because*.

We got up early in Cairo ¹ _____ the weather was hot. We didn't have any money ² _____ we went to the bank. After that, we had breakfast in a café ³ _____ we were hungry. It was very cheap ⁴ _____ I had two breakfasts! There we bought some tickets ⁵ _____ we wanted to go to the museum. There were a lot of people in the museum ⁶ _____ we didn't have a good time there.



5 Write about your last holiday. Use *because* and *so* to connect your ideas. Write 60–80 words.

Plan your writing

- Think about the holiday.
 - Where did you go?
 - What did you do?
 - Why did you like it?
 - What didn't you like?

Check your writing

- Did you explain **why** you liked or didn't like things (using *because*)?
- Did you explain the **result** (using *so*)?
- Did you check your grammar and spelling?
- Did you make any mistakes?