

# SO / SO THAT / SO \_\_\_ THAT

## SO — RESULT /EFFECT **POR ESO**

“So” is used as a coordinating conjunction to show a response or a reaction.

In the format : SENTENCE 1 , SO + SENTENCE 2

The first sentence is the action and the second is the response/counter action.

Examples :

- ▶ We stayed up late, **so** we were able to see the meteor storm pass.
- ▶ He didn't give me his telephone number, **so** I couldn't call him.
- ▶ My knee started hurting , **so** I stopped running.

## SO THAT — PURPOSE **PARA**

A statement of action or intended action is followed by the preposition so and that + clause expressing purpose or goal. The subordinate clause usually includes can or could. The subordinator that may be omitted in speech but not in writing.

SENTENCE 1 + SO THAT + SENTENCE 2

Examples :

- ▶ We stayed out all night **so (that)**\* we could watch a meteor storm.
- ▶ We took some blankets **so (that)**\* we could keep warm.
- ▶ He didn't give me his telephone number **so (that)**\* I couldn't call him.

\*that can be taken out because we have the subject and the sentence is also understood without it.

## SO \_\_\_\_\_ THAT **TAN \_\_\_ QUE**

So modifies or intensifies an adjective or adverb in the cause-clause. And that follows in the effect-clause with a remarkable or extraordinary comment.

SENTENCE 1 SO + adverb / adjective + SENTENCE 2

Examples :

- ▶ I'm **so** tired **that** I might pass out.
- ▶ He got **so** drunk **that** he forgot that his family was waiting for him with a cake.
- ▶ She was **so** happy **that** she broke into song.

Note the difference between the sentences below:

- ▶ He trained hard **so that** he would win the marathon. **Para ganar**  
He trained hard with the purpose of winning the marathon.
- ▶ He trained hard, **so** he won the marathon. **Por eso ganó**  
He won the marathon as a result of having trained hard.
- ▶ He trained **so** hard **that** he had to win the marathon. **Que tuvo que ganar**  
Because he had trained hard , his winning the marathon was inevitable.