## Because and so

One conjunction is enough to join two clauses. We do not normally use two.

Because I was ill, I took a day off.

OR

I was ill so I took a day off.

The conjunction 'because' is used to express the cause/reason. The conjunction 'so' is used to express the effect/result.

Don't use both because and so in a sentence.

Do not write: Because I was ill, so I took a day off.

Incorrect: Because she was fat, so she couldn't run fast.

Correct: Because she was fat, she couldn't run fast.

Correct: She was fat, so she couldn't run fast.

Complete the following sentences using so or because.

1. ..... I loved him, I tried to save him.

2. I loved him, ..... I tried to save him.

3. I was not feeling well, ..... I decided to consult a doctor.

- 4. We lost the contract ..... we couldn't complete the project.
- 5. We came back ..... dad fell ill.

Answers

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- 1. Because I loved him, I tried to save him.
- 2. I loved him, so I tried to save him.
- 3. I was not feeling well, so I decided to consult a doctor.
- 4. We lost the contract because we couldn't complete the project.
- 5. We came back because dad fell ill.