Clauses of Purpose, Result and Concession

Communicative Grammar Course
Upper-Intermediate Week 23 Video 2 - Grammar Rules
# Grammar Rules

## CLAUSES OF PURPOSE

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<td>to + base form</td>
<td>The subject of the verb and the infinitive is always the same.</td>
<td><em>I just called to invite you to a party.</em></td>
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<td>so as (not) to + base form</td>
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<td><em>He walked in quietly so as not to wake up his parents.</em></td>
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<td>in order (not) to + base form</td>
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<td><em>We’re saving money in order to buy a new car.</em></td>
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<td>for + -ing form</td>
<td>to express the purpose or function of an item</td>
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<td>purpose with present or future time</td>
<td><em>Please close the door <strong>so that</strong> the cat can't come in.</em></td>
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<td>may / will</td>
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<td>so that + subject + could /</td>
<td>purpose with past time reference</td>
<td><em>He walked quietly <strong>so that</strong> nobody could hear his footsteps.</em></td>
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<td><em>He gave me his telephone number in case I wanted to call him.</em></td>
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We use **Clauses of Result** to express the result of an action or a conclusion.
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CLAUSES OF RESULT

so + adjective / adverb + that

That Maths problem was so difficult that I couldn't solve it.
They shouted so loudly that everybody heard them.
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CLAUSES OF RESULT

so + much / many / little / few + that

I've heard this song so many times that I know it by heart now.
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CLAUSES OF RESULT

such + a/an + (adjective) + singular countable noun + that

*It was such a beautiful day that* we decided to go for a picnic.
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CLAUSES OF RESULT

such + (adjective) + uncountable noun / plural countable noun + that

She was wearing such strange clothes that everyone was looking at her.
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CLAUSES OF RESULT

such + a lot of + noun + that

I've put on **such a lot of weight** that I don't fit into my clothes anymore.
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CLAUSES OF RESULT

too + adjective or adverb + (for somebody) + full infinitive

This dress is too expensive for me to buy.
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CLAUSES OF RESULT

(not) + adjective or adverb + enough + (for somebody) + full infinitive

This dress isn't big enough for me to wear.
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CLauses of Result

Note

That can be omitted, especially in spoken English.

It was such a beautiful day (that) we decided to go for a picnic.
CLAUSES OF CONCESSION

We use Clauses of Concession to express *contrast* or *opposition* to the main clause.
CLAUSES OF CONCESSION

although / though / even though + subject + verb

Although / Even though / Though he was starving, he didn't take any of the food they offered him.
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CLAUSES OF CONCESSION

in spite of / despite  + noun
+ -ing form
+ the fact that
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CLAUSES OF CONCESSION

in spite of / despite  + noun
+ -ing form
+ what...

Despite the heavy rain, it was very hot.
In spite of feeling afraid, Jim went on the rollercoaster.
Despite what you may think, that's not the case.
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**CLAUSES OF CONCESSION**

_in spite of / despite_ + the fact + that clause

He went dancing _in spite of the fact that_ he had a terrible headache.

He went dancing _despite the fact that_ he had a terrible headache.
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CLauses of Concession

Note

*Though* is used in spoken English and it can be placed at the *beginning* or at the *end* of the sentence.
Let’s practise all of them in the next video.