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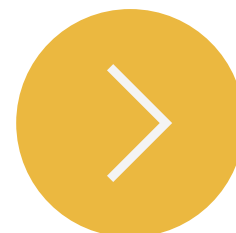
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WHAT ARE CONSECUTIVE CLAUSES?

Consecutive clauses are subordinate clauses.

We use consecutive clauses to express the consequences of an action that occurred in the past. The main clause must come before the subordinate clause.

- „Es **regnete** zu wenig, **so dass** viele Menschen kein Wasser zum Trinken **hatten**.“

SEPARABLE VERSION

The "so" can also be placed in front of the adjective in the main clause.

- „Es **hat so wenig geregnet**, **dass** viele Menschen kein Wasser zum Trinken **hatten**.“
- „Ich **habe so viel gelernt**, **dass** ich die Prüfung ohne Probleme **bestanden habe**.“
- „Es **hat so viel geregnet**, **dass** die Stadt vom Fluss **überschwemmt wurde**.“

→ **This version is more common.**

The separable version is only possible when there is an adjective in the main clause that relates to the subordinate clause:

- „Ich habe vergessen meine schönen Blumen zu gießen, **so dass** ich mir jetzt neue Blumen kaufen muss.“

Also, there can't be any other adverb in front of the adjective:

- „Es war **zu kalt**, **so dass** ich nicht spazieren gehen konnte.“

OTHER VERSIONS

It is possible to express the same idea with the consecutive adverbs: "also", "daher", "darum", "deswegen", "deshalb", "folglich", "infolgedessen".

- „Es regnete zu viel. **Darum** konnte ich nicht spazieren gehen.“

In this case, it isn't a consecutive clause because the statement is then formed with two main clauses.

SUMMARY

- Consecutive clauses are subordinate clauses.
- Consecutive clauses express the consequences of an action that occurred in the past. The conjunction is: "so dass".
- "So" can also be placed in front of an adjective in the main clause.
- The same idea can be expressed with the consecutive adverbs "also", "daher", "darum", "deswegen", "deshalb", "folglich", "infolgedessen".

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