79 Causes and results

> Hurricane Katrina passed just east of New Orleans with winds of over 200 km per hour. **As a result**, local canals were damaged in fifty places. The damage was **so bad that** more than 80 percent of the city was flooded.

1 therefore, as a result

In formal English we can use *Therefore* or *As a result* (+ comma) to introduce a result in a new sentence:

cause/reason	result

There was a major hurricane.   **As a result,**   *local canals were damaged in fifty places.*
Trains have become very expensive.   **Therefore,**   *more people are travelling by bus.*

2 so, such a (lot of)

We often use *so* to introduce a result:
*There was a lot of rain **so the city was flooded**. I slept late **so I was late for work**.*

We can also use *so* and *such* + a *that* clause to give more information about the cause and link it to the result. In spoken English we often leave out *that*.

- *so* + adjective/adverb: *The damage was **so bad (that)** the city was flooded.*
- *such* + *a/an* (+ adjective) + noun: *It was **such a strong hurricane (that)** the city was flooded.*
- *so much/little* + uncountable noun: *He ate **so much food (that)** he felt sick.*
- *so many/few* + plural noun: *There were **so many people (that)** we couldn't get in.*
- *such a lot of* + noun: *There was **such a lot of noise (that)** I just couldn't sleep.*

3 too, enough

We use *too* and *enough* + infinitive with *to* to say why a result is/isn't possible:

POSSIBLE	EXAMPLES
not too + adjective	*I'm **not too old to dance**!*
adjective + enough	*My new laptop is **light enough to carry** anywhere.*
adverb + enough	*I worked just **hard enough to pass** the course.*
enough + noun	*There's **enough food to feed** everybody at the party.*

NOT POSSIBLE	EXAMPLES
too + adjective	*The lake is **too cold to swim** in.*
too + adverb	*Caroline types **too slowly to be** a secretary.*
too much/many + noun	*This is **too much work to do** in one day.*
not + adjective + enough	*The lake **isn't warm enough to swim** in.*
not + adverb + enough	*Kevin **doesn't** exercise **often enough to get** fit.*
not enough + noun	*There **isn't enough money to pay** for it.*

To introduce a different subject before the infinitive we can use *for* + subject + infinitive:
*There isn't enough work **for us to do** today. It's too far **for him to come**.*

⚠ Adjectives and adverbs always go BEFORE *enough*:
✗ ~~I'm not enough strong to carry that bag.~~   ✓ I'm not **strong enough** to carry that bag.