

1 You use ... *because I want to ... or ... because I wanted to ...* to explain your purpose in doing something:

We are travelling overnight *because we want to get there early tomorrow.*

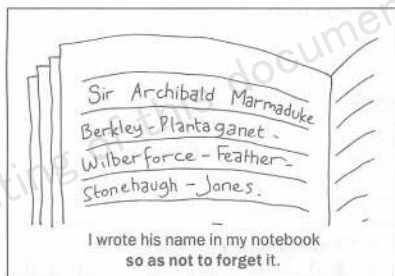
You can also use *to or in order to* to mean the same thing:

They locked the door *to keep everybody out.* He gave up his job *in order to spend more time at home.*



To make a purpose clause negative you say *so as not to or ... because I didn't want to*:

I spoke quietly *so as not to wake up the baby.*



2 You can also use *so or so that* for a purpose clause. If you do this you usually use a modal verb – a word like *can, could, will or would*:

I have drawn a map *so that you can get here easily.*

They put up a very large notice *so that everybody would see it.*

3 You use *because* to explain why someone does something or why it happens:

We went to bed early *because we were very tired.*

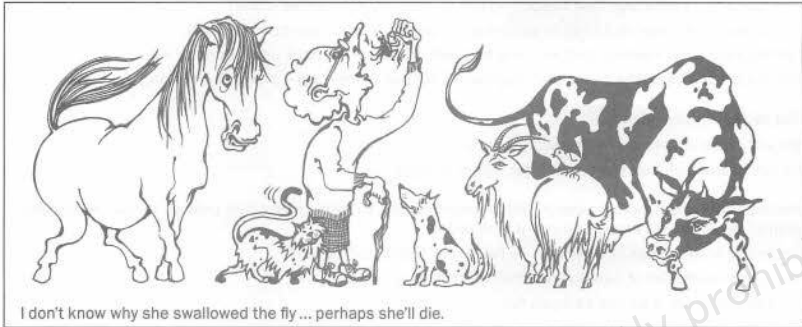
I spoke very slowly *because he didn't understand English very well.*

4 You use *so* to say what the result of an action or situation is:

We were very tired *so we went to bed early.* He couldn't understand English very well *so I spoke very slowly.*

A Here are the words of a well known folk song:

I know an old lady who swallowed a fly 



I don't know why she swallowed the fly ... perhaps she'll die.

I know an old lady who swallowed a spider that wriggled and tickled and jiggled inside her.

She swallowed the spider to catch the fly, but I don't know why she swallowed the fly ... perhaps she'll die.

I know an old lady who swallowed a bird. Well how absurd – to swallow a bird.

She swallowed a bird _____ that wriggled and tickled and jiggled inside her. She swallowed the spider to catch the fly, but I don't know why she swallowed the fly ... perhaps she'll die.

I know an old lady who swallowed a cat. Well fancy that – she swallowed a cat.

I know an old lady who swallowed a dog. What a hog to swallow a dog.

I know an old lady who swallowed a goat. She just opened her throat and swallowed a goat.

I know an old lady who swallowed a cow. I don't know how she swallowed the cow.

I know an old lady who swallowed a horse – she died of course.

wriggle When a person or animal wriggles or when they wriggle part of their body, they twist and turn their body with quick movements e.g. *She wriggled her toes.*

tickle When something tickles you or tickles it produces an irritating but sometimes pleasant feeling in a part of your body by touching it lightly.

jiggle If you jiggle about you move up and down or from side to side in a quick and jerky way.

absurd Something that is absurd is ridiculous because it is totally different from what you would normally expect. e.g. *That hat looks absurd.*

fancy You say 'fancy' when you want to express surprise or disapproval. e.g. *Fancy that!*

hog 1 A hog is a male pig. 1.2 a greedy person; an informal use.

Cover the page and see if you can say:

'She swallowed the cow because she wanted to catch the goat. She swallowed the goat because she wanted to catch the dog. She swallowed the dog cat bird spider fly – but I don't know why she swallowed the fly. Perhaps she'll die.'

Can you do the same saying *in order* to?

Work with a friend. Ask and answer questions like *Why did she swallow the dog?*