

Grammar Point Summary

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【于是 vs 所以】

Both **于是** and **所以** mean "as a result". But **所以** is often used in sentence of structure "因为...所以..." (because... therefore...); and has a stronger logic connection with statement before to derive the result from that reason.

于是 is a traditional word. **于** means "from, at" and **是** means "this, here". Hence **于是** means "from here". It is more like "hence, thus, thereupon" which has a weak logic connection with statement before. It is often used to connect two events happened chronically.

打电话很贵, **所以**他给家里写了一封信

It is very expensive to make phone calls. Therefore he wrote a letter to his family.

他们平时很忙, **所以**他们在想过年的时候还会休息一下

They are very busy everyday. Therefore they want to have a good rest during Chinese Spring festival.



因为害怕狗, **所以**小猫吓得跳了起来

Because the cat is afraid of the dog, therefore the cat was scared and jumped up.

他一直不说话, **于是**我问他怎么不说话

He did not speak from the beginning. So I asked him why he did not speak.



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The waiter asked him to order food. So he pointed to the menu and said "I want this."

听说美国队赢了, **于是**理查德在同学中到处说“美国真伟大”

After hearing USA team won, then Richard said "USA is really great" among his classmates.