

Connectors - “Because”

A very common connector in English and in Mvskoke is “because” (or “so”, “therefore”, etc)

There are three “styles” for conveying the meaning of “because” or “so”

Sentence Starter:

Momekv / Mowekv /
Monkv / Onkv

Attached: -ekv / tonkv

After the Verb: **tonto** /
ton ton

If starting a sentence, you can use one of the options above to show the meaning of “So...” or “Therefore...”

Herekon nohcis. Mv
monkv mucv nettv cvkv
vnnokke tos.

*I did not sleep well. So my
head hurts today.*

For this form, you attach -(e)kv to the end of the verb that talks about the ‘cause’ part. Then, the rest of the sentence follows. It is added after the person marker

Herekon nocikv mucv
nettv cvkv vnnokke tos.

*I did not sleep well, so my head
hurts today.*

This form feels like you are giving more information. Because of this, one of its many uses is similar to the feeling of “because”.

Herekon noci tonto mucv
nettv cvkv vnnokke tos.

*I did not sleep well, so my head
hurts today.*

There is also “omecicen”, however, this is used in a slightly different way. Rather than purely “Because” or “So”, it means “Because of...”, and is generally followed by a noun or noun phrase:

Estuce omecicen herekon nohcis.
Because of the baby, I didn’t sleep well.

Vm mvhayv omecicen sulken keriysis!
Because of my teacher, I learned a lot!

Sentence Starter: Momekv / Mowekv / Monkv / Onkv

Each of these stem from the full phrase "Momekv", meaning "Because it is that way / Because it is so"

Over time, some verbs that used "m" in the middle of the word switched to a "w", resulting in "Mowekv"

Monkv is a contraction, shortening the middle

Onkv is an even shorter version.

These phrases often appear at the beginning of a sentence, usually following information you already gave to let the listener know what resulted from the previous phrase.

Pose hvkihkvns. Mowekv hompetvn hvtvm emivns.

The cat cried. So, I gave him more food.

However, it can also be used in the middle after a T/N connector:

Pose hvkihken monkv hompetvn hvtvm emivns.

The cat cried, so I gave him more food.

Attached: -ekv / tonkv

-(e)kv is a conjugation we can add to the end of a verb that is talking about a cause in order to have the feeling of "so/therefore".

1st person singular	"I / me"	"I do... so..."	ikv / vyeqv	Homp ikv / Hompv yeqv <i>I eat.... so...</i>
2nd person singular	"You"	"You do..., so..."	etcekv / etskekv / eccekv / etsekv / eckev	Homp etcekv (etc) <i>You eat.... so...</i>
3rd person singular	"He / She / It / etc"	"He/She/It does... so..."	ekv	Homp ekv <i>He/She/It eats... so...</i>
1st person plural	"We"	"We do.... so..."	eyekv / ēkv	Homp ēkv (etc) <i>We eat.... so...</i>
2nd person plural	"Y'all"	"Y'all do... so..."	atcekv / atskekv / accekv / atsekv / ackev	Homp atcekv <i>Y'all eat... so...</i>
3rd person plural	"They"	"They do... so..."	akekv*	Homp akekv <i>They eat... so...</i>

Remember, when *tos* is used as a helping verb, it looks like:

- *Hompe tos*
- *Nesake tos*
- *Ayi tos*
- *Ohhonayetce tos*

And this is a very common way of communicating when in conversation

-tonkv is the '-ekv' form on 'tos'. When we use this form, it has the same meaning, we are just placing the conjugation on the helping verb piece

Hompi tonkv	I eat...so...
Nesetce tonkv	You buy...so...
Aye tonkv	He/She/It goes...so...
Ohhonayē tonkv	We read...so....

-EKV EXAMPLES:

**Vntat taklik-cvmpv nesikv
cvmpuce nesetceha?**

I am buying the cake, so could you buy the candy?

**Penwv sulken hompetcekv
hetute-afke homipetcvs**

Because you ate a lot of turkey, don't eat the ice cream.

TONKV EXAMPLES

**Fvccv-likat Tvlse vhoýē tonkv
hiyowat hompvhanis**

We are going to Tulsa at noon, so I am going to eat now

**Vtotke tonkv icenhuehkeko
townks**

He was working, so he didn't call you

After the Verb: Tonto / Ton Ton

As mentioned before, *tonto* and *ton ton* have other uses than "so, therefore, because", but it is one of it's uses! These forms stem from "tos", so think of them as taking the helping verb's place

**Pose hvkihke tonto hompetvn hvtvm
emivnks**

The cat cried, so I gave him more food

**Vntat taklik-cvmpv nesi ton ton
cvmpuce nesetceha?**

I'm buying the cake, so could you buy the candy?