

## CLAUSES OF REASON

**CLAUSES OF REASON** express the cause or the reason why something is happening and are introduced by various words or phrases.

<b>because + clause</b>	The bus arrived late because the traffic was heavy.
<b>because of + noun / pronoun</b>	The bus arrived late because of the heavy traffic.
<b>as / since + clause</b>	The bus arrived late as /since the traffic was heavy. Since / as the traffic was heavy, the bus arrived late.
<b>due to / on account of + noun</b>	The bus arrived late due to the heavy traffic. The bus arrived late on account of the heavy traffic.
<b>due to / on account of the fact that + clause</b>	The bus arrived late due to the fact that the traffic was heavy. The bus arrived late on account of the fact that the traffic was heavy.

\* We normally use “because” to give the reason and the “because clause” usually comes at the end.

\*We normally use “since” and “as” when the reason is already known

\* In writing the reason clause is sometimes put first. In this case we prefer to use “as” or “since” instead of “because”.

*“Many people from Europe and South America go to the USA **because** they need to do business there.*

*And, **since** they have to speak to Americans, they have to learn English.”*

### PRACTICE

A) Complete with “because” or “because of” / “due to”

1. I couldn't concentrate **BECAUSE OF** the noise.
2. I couldn't concentrate **BECAUSE** there was too much noise.
3. Everything went wrong **BECAUSE** I made a silly mistake.
4. Everything went wrong **BECAUSE OF** a silly mistake.
5. They cancelled their trip **DUE TO** the fact that it was snowing.
6. She didn't accept the job **BECAUSE** the salary was too low.
7. I lost my job **BECAUSE OF** you!
8. I turned off the television **BECAUSE** nobody was watching it.
9. I didn't buy the shirt **BECAUSE** it was too small.
10. He had to leave **BECAUSE OF** an emergency.

B) Match a suitable sentence from A with another from B to express reason. Remember: COHERENCE is a must! Try to use a variety of reason connectors and pay attention to punctuation.

A	B
The neighbours must be on holiday	You must be really addicted.
Kylie has come to talk to me	We assume you are no longer interested in our offer.
You're playing on your DS all day long	Our garden has turned into a jungle.
The Johnsons left early in the morning	Ronnie is selling his entire Lego collection.
We haven't received your payment yet	I haven't seen or heard them all week.
We've scheduled you with Dr Bini	The drive to the theme park will take them about 3 hours.
He needs the money	You never take the time to listen to her.
It must have been warm when we were away from home	Dr Wallstone is on holiday.

### Answers:

- 1 The neighbours must be on holiday, as I haven't seen or heard them all week.
- 2 Since we haven't received your payment yet, we assume you are no longer interested in our offer.
- 3 It must have been warm when we were away from home, seeing as our garden has turned into a jungle.
- 4 Kylie has come to talk to me, because you never take the time to listen to her.
- 5 As you're playing on your DS all day long, you must be really addicted.
- 6 We've scheduled you with Dr Bini, since Dr Wallstone is on holiday.
- 7 Seeing that he needs the money, Ronnie is selling his entire Lego collection.
- 8 The Johnsons left early in the morning, because the drive to the theme park will take them about 3 hours.

### CLAUSES OF RESULT

The clauses of result express **the consequence or result** of something happening (the reason). They are introduced by one of these connectors:

<b>so, therefore</b> (a bit more formal), <b>consequently</b> + clause	All the lights in our house are led, <b>so / therefore consequently</b> we save a lot on our electricity bill.
<b>* as a consequence, for this reason, this/that is the reason why and as a result</b> + clause	All the lights in our house are led. <b>As a consequence/ For this/that reason/ That is the reason why/ As a result</b> , we save a lot on our electricity bill.
<b>As a result of</b> + noun	<b>As a result of</b> our led lights, we save a lot on our electricity bill.  OR We save a lot on our electricity bill <b>as a result of</b> our led lights.

\* It is very important to pay attention to punctuation; **as a consequence, for this reason** and **as a result** are always preceded by strong punctuation marks ( ; or . ) and followed by a comma.

### ANSWERS

**A)** Complete the sentences with one of the result connectors above; use a different one in each sentence.

The children weren't allowed out to play **AS A RESULT OF** the boy's bad behaviour.

That tree was blocking the light into the kitchen. **FOR THIS REASON**, it was cut down.

John wanted to make a cake **SO** he bought all the ingredients.

**THE REASON WHY** her hair was wet was that she had been walking in the rain.

Petrol is extremely expensive nowadays. **AS A RESULT** we can't afford a car.

Jane felt very lonely in the city **THEREFORE** she decided to take up a dance class.

**Exercise B** above can be done in just the same way, but this time you are going to try to use a connector of result instead of a reason one. Remember: you must be coherent by all means!

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### Suggestions:

- 1 I haven't seen or heard the neighbours all week **SO** they must be on holiday .
- 2 **THE REASON WHY** we assume you are no longer interested in our offer is that we haven't received your payment yet.
- 3 It must have been warm when we were away from home. **AS A RESULT**, our garden has turned into a jungle.
- 4 You never take the time to listen to her **THEREFORE** Kylie has come to talk to me.
- 5 As you're playing on your DS all day long **AS A RESULT OF** your addiction.
- 6 Dr Wallstone is on holiday. **FOR THAT REASON**, we've scheduled you with Dr Bini.
- 7 Ronnie needs the money. **THAT IS THE REASON WHY** he is selling his entire Lego collection.
- 8 The drive to the theme park will take them about 3 hours **CONSEQUENTLY** the Johnsons left early in the morning.

### C) Rewrite the sentences using the words given

1. Nobody likes him because he's selfish. [selfishness]

NOBODY LIKES HIM BECAUSE OF / DUE TO HIS SELFISHNESS

2. We stayed at home because it was raining. [rain]

WE STAYED AT HOME BECAUSE OF / DUE TO THE RAIN

3. Our flight was delayed because it was foggy [due to]

OUR FLIGHT WAS DELAYED **DUE TO** THE FOG

4. The meeting was cancelled due to the manager's illness. [because]

THE MEETING WAS CANCELLED **BECAUSE** THE MANAGER WAS ILL

5. We succeeded because you helped us. [help]

WE SUCCEEDED **BECAUSE OF / DUE TO** YOUR HELP.

6. My dad missed the bus. He was late for work. [as a consequence]

MY DAD MISSED THE BUS. **AS A CONSEQUENCE**, HE WAS LATE FOR WORK.

7. We went for a walk by the sea. It was sunny. [therefore]

IT WAS SUNNY **THEREFORE** WE WENT FOR A WALK BY THE SEA.

8. There was no electricity. We had to light a few candles. [power cut]

WE HAD TO LIGHT SOME CANDLES **DUE TO / BECAUSE OF / AS A CONSEQUENCE OF** THE POWER CUT.

9. There is not much time left. We should hurry. [since]

**SINCE** THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME LEFT, WE SHOULD HURRY.

WE SHOULD HURRY **SINCE** THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME LEFT.

10. My family is short of money. We can't afford Christmas presents. [That is the reason why]

MY FAMILY IS SHORT OF MONEY. **THAT IS THE REASON WHY** WE CAN'T AFFORD CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

11. She was caught cheating. She was punished. [due to]

SHE WAS PUNISHED **DUE TO THE FACT THAT** SHE WAS CAUGHT CHEATING.

12. There is a serious financial situation. Many businesses are closing down. [as a result of]

**AS A RESULT OF** THE SERIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION, MANY BUSINESSES ARE CLOSING DOWN.

13. Mary joined the school theatre. She wanted to increase her circle of friends. [As]

MARY JOINED THE SCHOOL THEATRE **AS** SHE WANTED TO INCREASE HER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS.

14. I'll take a taxi. I don't know the way to the conference center. [so]

I DON'T KNOW THE WAY TO THE CONFERENCE CENTRE **SO** I'LL TAKE A TAXI.