

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

I couldn't concentrate.....the noise.  
I couldn't concentrate.....there was too much noise.  
Everything went wrong.....I made a silly mistake.  
Everything went wrong.....a silly mistake.  
They cancelled their trip.....the fact that it was snowing.  
She didn't accept the job.....the salary was too low.  
I lost my job.....you!  
I turned off the television.....nobody was watching it.  
I didn't buy the shirt.....it was too small.  
He had to leave.....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.

## 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, this/that is the reason why** and **as a result** are always preceded by strong punctuation marks ( ; or . ) and followed by a comma.

### PRACTICE

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 ..... the boy's bad behaviour.

That tree was blocking the light into the kitchen. .... , it was cut down.

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

..... her hair was wet was that she had been walking in the rain.

Petrol is extremely expensive nowadays. .... , we can't afford a car.

Jane felt very lonely in the city ..... 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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**C) Rewrite the sentences using the words given**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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