

High Intermediate  
Module 3: Assignment 1

Grammar point:

**"Because" clauses & "Because of" phrases**

1. What is a **clause**? A clause is a group of words in a sentence which contains a **subject** and a **verb**. It is a complete thought.

The **price is** too high.

2. What is a **phrase**? A phrase is a group of words in a sentence that **does not** contain both a subject and a verb. It is not a complete thought.

High price

"Because of" phrases and "because" clauses are both used to introduce reasons, to offer an explanation.

Activity 1: Clauses and Phrases

Directions: Complete the sentences with "because of" phrases or "because" clauses to offer an explanation.

1. I couldn't participate in the tennis tournament \_\_\_\_\_ my injured leg.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ my poor eyesight, I need to sit in one of the front seats in the class.
3. I can't come with you right now \_\_\_\_\_ I have an exam to take.
4. I had to use the stairs \_\_\_\_\_ the elevator was not working.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ he was born in Texas, Daniel is an American Citizen.
6. I couldn't get the job \_\_\_\_\_ lack of experience.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ you are the best player on the team, the coach will make you the captain.
8. Nobody can have Tom change his mind \_\_\_\_\_ he is such a stubborn person.
9. All the students failed the test \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher's harshness.
10. I can speak French fluently now \_\_\_\_\_ I lived in Paris for many years.

## Activity 2: Clauses and Phrases

Directions: Read each sentence and determine if it is correct or incorrect. Then write the correct form of the sentence starting with the explanation.

*Example:*

*I was late to work **because of** my car broke down.*

*incorrect -*

*Because my car broke down, I was late to work.*

1. Miriam borrowed some money because she wanted to buy a car

2. Marco travels a lot because of his job

3. Kelli, Norberta, and Gladys were late to class because a flat tire

4. Oyuntuya studied for three hours because she had an exam

5. Fazly called the manager because of his neighbor Pedro was too noisy

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| 6. Regine couldn't sleep last night because of she had a headache |  |
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| 7. Schnyder couldn't lock the car door because of he lost his keys |  |
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| 8. Ana, Sinthia and Kasia are all improving their English skills because better opportunities |  |
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| 9. Mary can't drive her car because her window is broken |  |
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| 10. Iryna and Alina didn't go out because the bad weather |  |
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Directions: Read the story and fill in the blanks with the because or because of.

Gisela wanted to bake a cake \_\_\_\_\_ it was her friend Reginald's birthday. Gisela needed to go to the store \_\_\_\_\_ she didn't have any sugar. However, her car wouldn't start. \_\_\_\_\_ this problem, she couldn't drive to the store. She couldn't walk to the store \_\_\_\_\_ the long distance. Gisela came up with a smart idea. She went to her neighbor Maria's house \_\_\_\_\_ she could borrow some sugar from her. Maria was happy to help \_\_\_\_\_ she had plenty of sugar. After making the cake, Gisela took it to Reginald's house \_\_\_\_\_ she wanted to surprise him with it. When Reginald opened the door, Gisela shouted "Happy Birthday!" \_\_\_\_\_ the nice surprise, Reginald had a wonderful birthday.