

ACTIVITY 4

Subordinating conjunctions: Contrast (Expected results or Cause-effect)

| 19-2 Using Because Of and Due To | |
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| (a) <i>Because the weather was cold</i> , we stayed home. | <i>Because</i> introduces an adverb clause; it is followed by a subject and a verb, as in (a). |
| (b) <i>Because of the cold weather</i> , we stayed home. | <i>Because of</i> and <i>due to</i> are phrasal prepositions; they are followed by a noun object, as in (b) and (c). |
| (c) <i>Due to the cold weather</i> , we stayed home. | |
| (d) <i>Due to the fact that the weather was cold</i> , we stayed home. | Sometimes (usually in more formal writing) <i>due to</i> is followed by a noun clause introduced by <i>the fact that</i> . |
| (e) We stayed home <i>because of the cold weather</i> . We stayed home <i>due to the cold weather</i> . We stayed home <i>due to the fact that the weather was cold</i> . | Like adverb clauses, these phrases can also follow the main clause, as in (e). |

EXERCISE 6 ► Looking at grammar. (Charts 17-3 and 19-2)

Complete the sentences with *because* or *because of/due to*.

Problems

1. We postponed our trip _____ the bad driving conditions.
2. Sue's eyes were red _____ she had been swimming in a chlorinated pool.
3. We can't visit the museum tomorrow _____ it isn't open.
4. _____ heavy fog at the airport, our plane was delayed for several hours.
5. _____ the elevator was broken, we had to walk up six flights of stairs.
6. Jim had to stop jogging _____ his sprained ankle.



EXERCISE 7 ► Looking at grammar. (Chart 19-2)

Complete the sentences with the ideas in parentheses.

News Reports

1. (*The traffic was heavy.*) Due to _____ *heavy traffic* _____, alternate routes are advised into the city.
2. (*Students have the flu.*) Many schools in the district have high absentee rates because of _____.
3. (*There are loud noises at the beach.*) Police are investigating reports of illegal fireworks because of _____.
4. (*Circumstances are beyond their control.*) Due to _____, all City Hall offices are closed today.
5. (*The donors are generous.*) Due to _____, the foods banks have enough food for the holidays.

