

CLAUSES OF REASON

GRAMMAR

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When we want to explain the reason why something happened or why someone did something, we use a clause of reason, introduced by the conjunctions *because*, *as*, *since*, and *for*. *As* and *since* have the meaning of *because* and can begin a sentence. *For* also has the meaning of *because*, but cannot begin a sentence. It is only used in written language.

As you were out, I left a message.

Peter has given up sailing, *for* he doesn't have the time.

Since it was late, we decided to go home.

They didn't go out *because* it was raining heavily.

• COMBINE THE GIVEN IDEAS BY USING THE APPROPRIATE CONJUNCTION.

1. It's Mary's birthday on Saturday. Let's give her a party.
2. Tuesday is a national holiday. Schools will be closed.
3. John, maybe you could help me with this problem. You are very good at maths.
4. We don't have classes tomorrow. We won't have to wake up early.
5. He is not interested in classical music. He doesn't want to go to the concert.

• CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE WORD OR PHRASE IN EACH SENTENCE.

1. Bob went out so that he bought / to buy Jane a present.
2. Although / Despite the furniture was old, it was in good condition.
3. Delia is so / such busy that she can't talk to you now.
4. Although / In spite of the rain, they went for a jog.
5. They closed the door so that / for nobody could hear their conversation.
6. Despite / Though it was cold, they went for a walk.
7. Since / For it was dark in the room, they turned on the light.
8. He didn't apply for the job although / despite he had the required qualifications.
9. We didn't go out because / because of it was raining heavily.
10. We went out in spite of / because of the rain and enjoyed our walk.

• COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH ALTHOUGH, IN SPITE OF, BECAUSE, BECAUSE OF, SINCE, AS.

1. I couldn't concentrate _____ the noise.
2. He went home early _____ he was feeling bad.
3. _____ they had planned everything, some things went wrong.
4. _____ the traffic was heavy, we got there late.
5. _____ the heavy traffic, we got there in time.
6. _____ there was a lot of noise, the baby fell asleep immediately.
7. _____ it's late, let's take a taxi.
8. _____ I was hungry, I decided to go to a restaurant.