



UNIT #3 – GRAMMAR #2

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Because of...**

People left their homes	<b>because of</b>	the volcano.
It was hard to breathe		the ash.
We couldn't go near the crater		the heat.

You can also say: **Because of** the volcano, people left their homes.  
Notice the comma.

**1 Read.** Circle the letter of the logical statement in each pair.

We were in a storm shelter because of the tornado.

There was a tornado because we were in a storm shelter.

Because school was canceled, there was a snowstorm.

School was canceled because of a snowstorm.

Because we ran up the hill, there were big waves.

We ran up the hill because of the big waves.

Because we drank lots of water, it was hot.

We drank lots of water because of the heat.

**2 Unscramble.** Add commas as needed. *Sample answers:*

1. studied / the test / I / because / last night / of

Because of the test, I studied last night. / I studied last night because of the test.

2. many / people / the / eruption / of / their / homes / because / left

3. of / because / I / the / cold / blankets / put / on

4. because / dried / up / the / drought / the / flowers / of

5. of / the / hurricane / from / the / water / the / animals / because / ran



**3 Look and write.** Complete the sentences. *Sample answers:*

1.



Because of the music, they danced.

2.



Because of the stop sign,

3.



He went swimming

4.



The plants grew

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**4 Write.** Write three sentences with *because of*. Use the topics in the box or your own. *Answers will vary.*

being early/late

missing school

practicing sports/music

studying

Because of my broken alarm clock, I woke up late.

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