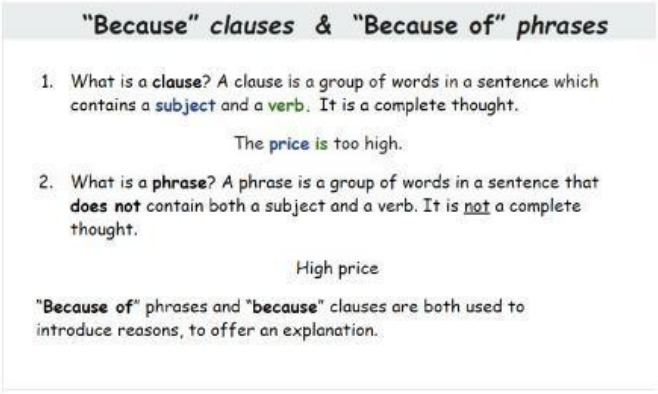
High Intermediate
Module 3: Assignment 1

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.

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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	

7. Schnyder couldn't lock the car door because of he lost his keys	

8. Ana, Sinthia and Kasia are all improving their English skills because better opportunities	

9. Mary can't drive her car because her window is broken	

10. Iryna and Alina didn't go out because the bad weather	

Activity 3: Grammar in context

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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.

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