

reason

1 Verb + reason

Use the correct form of these verbs:

explain	have
give	understand
know	see

1. Mel and Frank every reason to be unhappy. He lost his job last year and now she's been told she might lose hers!
2. I no reason for us to depart from our usual practices in this hospital. We will treat the Prime Minister just like any other patient.
3. I could you any number of reasons for not going to Elizabeth's party. But just tell her that I'm not feeling very well.
4. I'd like to the reason why you're so late.
5. He died suddenly at the age of 21 and the doctors are at a loss to the reason for his sudden death. A second autopsy will have to be held.
6. I don't the reason why computers can't repair themselves. I would have thought someone could write a program.

Go back and underline the verb collocations.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

apparent	main
particular	simple
sentimental	valid

1. Our son isn't going to university for the reason that he can't afford it. And neither can we.
2. Why do you want to know her name?
> Oh, no reason. I was just wondering.
3. She kept all her late husband's letters and diaries for reasons. They reminded her of all the good times that they had together.
4. Do you have a reason for being absent from work or did you just take a day off?
5. For no reason, the man opposite me in the train suddenly got up and started screaming and shouting. I think he must have been ill.
6. The Guardian may be left-wing, but that's not why I buy it. The reason I read it is because it reports places that other papers don't.

3 Common expressions

Complete the sentences with these words:

for to why

1. The wonderful weather in the winter is our main reason choosing to live in Portugal.
2. There's no earthly reason you should feel guilty. The accident had nothing to do with you.
3. There's no reason be concerned. He has a temperature, but he'll be fine in the morning.
4. There's no rhyme or reason her behaviour. One day she's nice, the next she's really nasty.
5. I expect there's some good reason them not turning up. I'm sure they'll phone.
6. There's no reason we shouldn't win. We have the best players and they're on top form.
7. Sue had every reason be angry. Jerry shouldn't have taken her car without her permission.

Notes

1. When you can't explain something, you can use these expressions:
For some reason, I just didn't like him.
For some unaccountable reason, my letter of application never arrived at the office.
For some obscure reason, he keeps his money in his left shoe.
He's desperately ill, but for some perverse reason he refuses to see a doctor.
2. Note these types of reason:
She wants to change her job for purely personal reasons.
The man cannot be named for legal reasons.
There's no compelling reason to act. (really important)
3. Note the following expressions:
For obvious reasons we have changed the names of the people in the article.
The building has been closed for reasons of public safety.
Due to reasons beyond our control, the 4.15 flight to Edinburgh has been cancelled.
For reasons best known to herself, she gave up her job and left town.
Why do you ignore him?
> I have my reasons. (which I'm not telling you.)