

# be-cause<sup>1</sup> S1 W1

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## conjunction

**1** BECAUSE used when you are giving the reason for something:

*We didn't enjoy the day because the weather was so awful.*

*'Why can't I go?' 'Because you're not old enough.'*

*Hubert never experienced any fear, and this was **partly because** he was not particularly intelligent.*

*Many exam candidates lose marks **simply because** they do not read the questions properly.*

*I decided to go with them, **mainly because** I had nothing better to do.*

**2 just because...** (spoken) REASON

used to say that, although one thing is true, it does not mean that something else is true:

*Just because you're my brother doesn't mean I have to like you!*

## THESAURUS

**because** conjunction used when giving the reason for something: *I went home because I was tired.* | *The streets were flooded because of all the rain.*

**due to/ owing to** preposition used to give the reason why something has happened. **Due to** and **owing to** are more formal than **because**: *The delay was due to a problem with the ship's engines.* | *The parade had to be cancelled owing to bad weather.*

**through** preposition because of something. **Through** is used especially when saying why someone succeeded or failed to do something: *They won the game, more through luck than skill.*

| *You failed that test through carelessness.*

thanks to **preposition** used when explaining that something good has happened because of someone's efforts, or because something exists: *Thanks to modern medicine, the disease can now be cured.*

since/ as **conjunction** used when giving the reason why someone decides to do something or decides that something is true: *We decided to go to the beach since it was a nice day. | I thought Kevin was out as his car wasn't there.*

out of **preposition** because of a particular feeling or quality: *He started reading the book out of curiosity. | I only asked out of politeness.*

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