

Prepositions

PREPOSITIONS OF REASON

Prepositions of Reason - Introduction

Prepositions of reason tell us why something happened.

They can also tell us why something will happen.

Common prepositions of reason are 'for', 'through' and 'because of'.

There are many others.

Prepositions of Reason - for

‘For’ usually joins a phrase with another noun.

- Everything happens *for* a reason.
- I bought you flowers *for* your birthday.

If it joins a noun with a verb, the verb is usually in its gerund form.

- Many thanks *for* helping me yesterday.
- Do you have anything *for* getting rid of weeds in the garden?

Prepositions of Reason - through

We use 'through' to explain how something happened.

- Andy succeeded *through* sheer hard work and determination.
- Our sales increased *through* effective marketing.
- *Through* her courage, the team escaped unharmed.

Prepositions of Reason – because of

We use 'because of' to show the reason for something.

This usually follows the main clause.

- I was late for work *because of* the bus strike.
- The moon only shines *because of* the sun.
- The football player was on the bench for a month *because of* his injury.
- The barbeque was cancelled *because of* the heavy rain.

Prepositions of Reason - others

There are other prepositions of reason.

These are generally synonymous with those we have already seen.

These include:

- *due to*
- *on account of*
- *by courtesy of*
- *by reason of*
- *by virtue of*
- *in the light of*
- *thanks to*