

CLAUSES AND PHRASES OF REASON

- When you want to explain **why something happens**, you can use a **clause of reason** introduced by a conjunction (because, as and since) or a phrase introduced by **because of**.

*Daniel joined the English Drama Club **because / as/ since** he wanted to improve his intonation.*

***As / Since/ Because** Daniel wanted to improve his intonation, he joined the English Drama club.*

- Use a comma when the clause or phrase of reason is at the beginning of the sentence.

Since I cleaned my bedroom yesterday, I don't need to clean it today.

CLAUSES OF RESULT

- When you want to **indicate the result of an action or situation**, you can use a clause of result. Clauses of result are introduced by **so, and so, as a result, consequently, for this / that reason, thus, therefore**.

I had to work, **so** I couldn't go fishing last Saturday.

- **So** and **and so** usually link ideas in a single sentence and are the most common connectors. The other connectors usually connect ideas in two separate sentences.

Paul had a fever; **consequently**, he stayed at home.

He travelled as quickly as possible. **Thus**, he reached Chicago the next day.

A- Choose a suitable connector for each sentence.

Because of – so - because – since – as

1. _____ it was dark and rainy, I couldn't see the road signs well.
2. The kitchen was flooded, _____ we had to go to a restaurant.
3. I can't lend you any money _____ I don't have any.
4. _____ severe weather, the flight was delayed.
5. _____ we don't have to study today, let's go to a picnic.

B- Rewrite the sentences using the connector given in brackets.

1. Paul was an hour late. He missed the train. (because)

2. I borrowed your lawn mower. You weren't using it. (as)

3. We had no electricity during the storm. We had to use candles. (so)

4. He needed a good mark. He studied hard for the test. (Since)

5. It's raining. We have decided to stay at home. (As)

6. Tom won't be able to go with us to the theatre. He has to work. (because)

7. The windows were all open. A lot of mosquitoes came into the room.

(Consequently)

8. We knew what to expect. We were not surprised at what happened. (Therefore)

9. Would you consider it? He asked nicely. (since)

10. Mary Joined the school theatre. She wanted to increase her circle of friends.

11. I don't know the way. I'll take a taxi.

12. I've forgotten my password. I can't read my email. (so)

13. I got home late. There was a flight delay.(because of)

C – Rewrite the sentences, using a suitable connector.

1. Sue didn't put on her sweater after the race. She got a cold.

2. I turned the heating on. It was very cold.

3. The lamp didn't work. I took it back to the shop.

4. He doesn't drive. Dave always travel by train.

5. You are going by the store on the way home from work. Would you mind picking up some trash bags?

Answer key

A-

1. As
2. So
3. Because
4. Because of
5. Since

B –

1. Paul was an hour late because he missed the train.
2. I borrowed your lawn mower as you weren't using it.
3. We had no electricity during the storm, so we had to use candles.
4. Since he needed a good mark, he studied hard for the test.
5. As it's raining, we have decided to stay at home.
6. Tim won't be able to go with us to the theatre because he has to work.
7. The windows were all open. Consequently, a lot of mosquitoes came into the room.
8. We knew what to expect. Therefore, we were not surprised at what happened.
9. Would you consider it since he asked nicely?
10. Mary joined the school theatre as she wanted to increase her circle of friends.
11. As I don't know the way, I'll take a taxi.
12. I've forgotten my password, so I can't read my email.
13. I got home late because of a flight delay.

C-

1. Sue didn't put her sweater after the race, so she got a cold. / As sue didn't put her sweater on after the race she got a cold.
2. I turned the heating on because it was very cold. / As it was very cold I turned the heating on.
3. The lamp didn't work, so I took it back to the shop. / The lamp didn't work; therefore I took it...
4. As he doesn't drive, Dave always travels by train. / Dave always travel by train because he doesn't drive.
5. As / Since you're going by the store on your way home from work, would you mind picking up some trash bags?