



Expressing Reason and Cause in English



Overview

- We use different structures to explain why something happens or what causes it.
- These can appear:
 - at the start of a sentence (to emphasise the result)
 - in the middle or end (to emphasise the reason)



as / because / since + clause

- Note: The clause can come **before** or **after** the result.

Examples:

e.g. **Since** you're here, we can start the meeting.

e.g. **As** he lives nearby, he walks to work.

e.g. They cancelled the trip **because** the weather was bad.

because of + noun / noun phrase

- Use: When the reason is NOT a full clause

Examples:

e.g. **Because of** her experience, she got the job.

e.g. **Because of** heavy traffic, I was late.

e.g. The match was cancelled **because of** the rain.

seeing as / seeing as how + clause

- Note: Same meaning as “because”

Examples:

e.g. **Seeing as** *it's raining, let's stay indoors.*

e.g. **Seeing as how** *you're new here, I'll show you around.*

e.g. **Seeing as how** *we missed the train, we'll have to wait for the next one.*

as a result of + noun phrase

- Note: More formal style (academic / written English)

Examples:

e.g. **As a result of** *poor communication between departments, the project was delayed.*

e.g. *Production has risen significantly* **as a result of** *increasing demand for electric cars.*

-ed participle clauses

Examples:

e.g. **Tired** from the journey, she went straight to bed.

e.g. **Annoyed** by the service, we left the restaurant

These are very useful for making sentences shorter and more natural.

in light of / in view of (the fact that)

- in light of + noun phrase
- in view of + noun phrase
- in light/view of the fact that + clause

Examples:

e.g. **In view of** the situation, we decided to postpone the meeting.

e.g. **In light of** concerns about the environment, I've stopped using plastic bags.

e.g. **In view of the fact that** trends change, the menu is updated twice a year.

Ways to Express Reason & Cause in English

- as / because / since + clause
 - because of + noun / noun phrase
 - seeing as / seeing as how + clause
 - as a result of + noun phrase
 - -ed participle clauses
 - in light of + noun phrase
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- In English, we have many ways to explain **why something happens**. Different forms, same idea: they all connect a cause to an effect.

