

grammar
study

CLAUSES OF REASON

Clauses of reason express the **cause** or **reason** why something happens.

Because + clause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He works a lot of overtime because his rent is so expensive.
Since + clause 'Since' means the same as <i>because</i> . 'Since' tends to be used in more informal spoken English.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had to leave early since their train left at 8.30. • Since their train left at 8.30, they had to leave early.
As + clause 'As' means the same as <i>because</i> . 'As' tends to be used in more formal, written English.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the test is difficult, you had better get some sleep. • You had better get some sleep as the test is difficult.
Because of + noun/pronoun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I arrived late at work because of the heavy traffic. • Because of the heavy traffic, I arrived late at work.
Due to + noun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I arrived late at work due to the heavy traffic. • Due to the heavy traffic, I arrived late at work.

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practice

Make one sentence from two by using the word(s) given in brackets.

1. She didn't get the job. She didn't have the required qualifications.
(because) _____
2. The way people work has changed. There have been developments in information and communications technology.
(because of) _____
(due to) _____
3. Some people have lost their jobs. Computers are used to process information.
(as) _____
4. Some employees can now work away from the office. They are connected to work via the Internet.
(since) _____
5. She couldn't concentrate. Her children were making too much noise.
(because) _____
6. He loves music so much. He decided to go to a college of music.
(since) _____

TELEWORKING

DISCUSSION

Discuss the following in small groups. Then choose one member to report your opinions back to the whole class.

Advantages
of teleworking

Among the most important advantages reported by teleworkers are:

- better control of working hours;
- flexible hours;
- better quality of life;
- less commuting difficulties and expenses;
- new business creation;
- achievement of paid work instead of unemployment.

Disadvantages
of teleworking

- long working hours can have health consequences;
- 'workaholic' behaviour if the teleworker is not able to control his/her own working styles;
- physical and social isolation.

writing
practice

In about 100 words, write an essay on the following:

How important is teleworking in the world today? Would you like to be a teleworker?

Follow this layout:

1. Introduction

Introduce the topic. Give some general information about teleworking.

2. A list of arguments for

Use some of the arguments above. Give examples if possible.

3. A list of arguments against

Use some of the arguments above. Give examples if possible.

4. Conclusion

Say if you would like to be a teleworker.