

because

[bɪˈkɒz (полная форма); bɪkəz (редуцированная форма)]cj

- потому что, так как
 we stayed at home because it rained [was late] - мы остались дома, так как шёл дождь [было поздно]
 the boy was crying because he was hungry - мальчик плакал, потому что хотел есть
 because he dashed off some sonnets he thinks himself a poet - он настроил несколько сонетов и теперь возомнил себя поэтом
 I was the more astonished because I had not expected it - я тем более удивился, что не ожидал этого
- диал.** (для того) чтобы
- в сочетаниях:**
 because of - из-за, вследствие
 because of me - из-за меня
 I said nothing because of the children being there - я ничего не сказал, потому что там были дети
 because that, because why - **усл.** потому что

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

be-cause BrE [bɪˈkɒz] ¹ BrE [bɪˈkəz] ² NAmE [bɪˈkɒɹ̩z] ³ NAmE [bɪˈkɒz] ⁴

conjunction

for the reason that

- I did it because he told me to.
- Just because I don't complain, people think I'm satisfied.

Derived Word ↑because of

Word Origin:

[**because because of**] Middle English: from the phrase by cause, influenced by Old French par cause de 'by reason of'.

Language Bank:

because of

Explaining reasons

- The number of people with diabetes is growing, partly **because of** an increase in levels of obesity.
- The number of overweight children has increased dramatically in recent years, largely **as a result of** changes in diet and lifestyle.
- The increase in childhood obesity is largely **due to** / **the result of** changes in lifestyle and diet over the last twenty years.
- Many obese children are bullied at school **on account of** their weight.
- Part of the problem with treating childhood obesity **stems from** the fact that parents do not always recognize that their children are obese.
- Childhood obesity may be **caused by** genetic factors, as well as environmental ones.

Language Banks at ↑cause, ↑consequently, ↑therefore

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I. **be-cause**¹ **S1 W1** /bɪˈkɒz, bɪˈkəz \$ bɪˈkɒɹ̩z, bɪˈkəz/ BrE ² AmE ³ conjunction

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: by cause (that)]

1. 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** 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!
- ...

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- 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.

II. **because**² **S1 W1** BrE ³ AmE ⁴ preposition

because of somebody/something used to say who or what causes something to happen or is the reason for something:

- He had to retire because of ill health.
- We spent three hours waiting in the rain because of you!

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In written English, people often prefer to use the expressions **due to** something, **owing to** something, or **as a result of** something, which sound more formal than **because of** something:
▪ Many businesses fail due to cash-flow problems.

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