

## UNIT 4

because, because of, as, due to

'because', 'because of', 'as', 'due to' are used to show that one event is the result of another or that one event is the reason for another.

### Example A

The children grew ill. They did not have sufficient food.

#### Answer 1

The children grew ill **because** they did not have sufficient food.

#### Answer 2

The children grew ill **because of** insufficient food.

#### **NOTE:**

Although 'because' and 'because of' are used in basically the same way, note that in some cases, descriptive phrases (such as 'did not have sufficient') will have to be changed to an adjective (such as 'insufficient').

### Example B

Helen did not do her work. Helen procrastinated.

#### Answer 1

Helen did not do her work **as** she procrastinated.

#### Answer 2

Helen did not do her work **due to** procrastination.

#### **NOTE:**

Just as in the case of 'because' and 'because of', a rephrasing of sentence is necessary in some cases when we use 'due to'. Here, the verb 'procrastinated' has to be changed to the noun 'procrastination'. There is no tense change in either answers.

## Exercise

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

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1. Everyone had to work overtime. There was a mountain of work to plough through.  
Due to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Janice felt that she had been overeating so she went on a diet  
\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_
3. The once beautiful garden is now a mess. The garden had been neglected.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_
4. The coach did not turn up for our tennis lesson. We did not have our tennis lesson today  
\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_
- \*5. Tessa was too short to reach the top shelf.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_
6. The boss fired Mr Choy as he was deemed incompetent.  
Due to \_\_\_\_\_
7. To avoid getting into trouble with the law, Derrick decided to distance himself from the gang.  
As \_\_\_\_\_
8. The faulty alarm clock did not ring. As a result, Lily was late for school  
\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_
9. Simon had bad breath. Mrs Ong recommended that he see a dentist  
Because of \_\_\_\_\_
- \*10. Raging storms flooded the valleys and plains.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_