

How to express Cause

WHY?

Study this example:

“Mark behaved badly so he was grounded for 3 days”

1.- Mark was grounded for three days **because** he behaved badly”

2.- **As** Mark behaved badly, he was grounded for three days.

Conjunction + Clause

(subject + verb +)

3.- Mark was grounded for three days **because of** his bad behaviour.

4.- Mark was grounded for three days **due to** his bad behaviour.

Preposition + Noun Phrase

(Prepo +Noun)

5.- Mark behaved badly; **this is why** he was grounded.

6.- Mark behaved badly. **For this reason**, he was grounded.

7.- **The reason why** Mark was grounded was because he behaved badly.

8.- **The reason for** Mark’s grounding was his bad behavior/ was that he behaved badly

Exercise. Rephrase these sentences by using the word(s) in brackets.

1.- *It was raining heavily so we couldn’t play our football match.*

a) (because) _____

b) (as) _____

c) (because of) _____

d) (For this reason) _____

2.- *She makes spelling mistakes ; that’s why she gets lower marks.*

a) (because) _____

b) (as) _____

c) (due to) _____

d) (The reason why) _____

3.- *They have no manners; as a result, they are not nice to be with .*

a) (because) _____

b) (as) _____

c) (because of) _____

d) (This is why) _____

4.- *Anna is always willing to learn and take risks so she will succeed in life.*

a) (because) _____

b) (as) _____

c) (due to) _____

5.- *He lied to me so I don’t trust him any longer.*

a) (because) _____

b) (as) _____

c) (because of) _____

d) (The reason why) _____