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FREE GRAMMAR PRACTICE · FORMS 1–3

Because or Because of?

Both give a reason. The grammar after them is different.

Word	What follows	Example
because	a clause: subject + verb	The game stopped **because** *it was raining*.
because of	a noun or noun phrase	The game stopped **because of** *the rain*.

Change a clause into a noun: *it was raining* → **the rain** · *he was ill* → **his illness** · *the traffic was heavy* → **the heavy traffic**

PART A Choose

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

1. The flight was late (☐ because ☐ because of) the pilot was ill.
2. We stayed indoors (☐ because ☐ because of) the typhoon.
3. Ben could not sleep (☐ because ☐ because of) the noise next door.
4. The road is closed (☐ because ☐ because of) workers are fixing it.
5. Amy won a prize (☐ because ☐ because of) her excellent drawing.

PART B Rewrite

Rewrite each sentence with the words in brackets. Keep the meaning the same.

1. The picnic was cancelled because it was windy. (because of)

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2. Paul missed school because he was ill. (because of)

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3. The match was exciting because of the large crowd. (because)

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4. We were late because of the heavy traffic. (because)

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Answers **A** 1 because · 2 because of · 3 because of · 4 because · 5 because of **B** 1 The picnic was cancelled because of the wind / the windy weather. · 2 Paul missed school because of his illness. · 3 The match was exciting because the crowd was large / there was a large crowd. · 4 We were late because the traffic was heavy.

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