

Reason Sense Check Answer Key

Part A:

1. b. because of
2. a. because
3. b. because of
4. a. because
5. a. because

Part B:

6. The picnic was canceled **because** of the rain.
7. The lights went out **because** the power stopped working.
8. I couldn't sleep last night **because** I drank too much coffee.
9. The garden looked beautiful **because of** the colorful flowers.
10. We arrived late **because** we missed the first train.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Differentiating *because* (used before a clause) and *because of* (used before a noun or noun phrase).
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Review sentence structure by underlining subjects and verbs to highlight when *because* is needed.
 - Offer a mini anchor chart with quick examples for visual learners.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Have students justify each answer aloud to strengthen reasoning.
 - Turn the quiz into a "Reason Relay" game where students correct sentences on the board in teams.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Challenge advanced learners to write a short story using five correct *because* and five *because of* sentences.
 - Use real-world prompts, like explaining weather effects or sports results, to practice natural cause-and-effect writing.