Name _____

Because Or Because Of?

Directions: Read each sentence carefully. Fill in each blank with either *because* or *because of* to complete the sentence correctly. Remember: use **because** before a clause (it has a subject and verb) and **because of** before a noun or noun phrase.

1. The concert was canceled _____ the heavy rain.

2. I stayed up late _____ I wanted to finish my book.

3. The flight was delayed _____ the thick fog.

4. We had to stay home _____ our car broke down.

5. The team celebrated _____ they won the championship.

6. She couldn't play outside _____ her sprained ankle.

7. We arrived early _____ there wasn't much traffic.

8. The picnic was ruined _____ the sudden thunderstorm.

9. He was upset _____ he lost his favorite pen.

10. I slept in _____ feeling so tired from practice.