

Name _____

Because Or Because Of? Answer Key

1. because of
2. because
3. because of
4. because
5. because
6. because of
7. because
8. because of
9. because
10. because of

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Choosing between **because** (introducing a full reason clause) and **because of** (introducing a noun phrase).
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Review examples together first; underline verbs in clauses to spot when *because* fits.
 - Provide sentence starters for struggling learners (e.g., "I stayed home because...").
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Turn this into a quick "Reason Relay" where teams fill blanks on the board.
 - Ask students to explain why their choice fits-verb clue or noun clue?
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students create their own short paragraph using at least four *because* or *because of* sentences.
 - Link to science or history by rewriting textbook sentences with correct connectors to explain causes and effects.