

Cause And Effect Edit Answer Key

When I woke up this morning, I felt tired **because** I stayed up too late watching a movie. The bus was late **because of** the heavy rain. I almost missed school **because** my alarm didn't go off. In class, our teacher postponed the quiz **because** some students were absent. Everyone was happy **because of** the extra time to study. After school, the soccer practice was canceled **because of** the wet field. I didn't mind, though, **because** I wanted to relax anyway.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Distinguishing how *because* connects a full clause (a reason with a subject and verb) and *because of* connects to a noun or noun phrase.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Before the activity, review examples side by side: "I was late because I overslept" vs. "I was late because of the traffic."
 - For extra support, highlight verbs to help learners spot where *because* fits best.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Read the incorrect paragraph aloud and have students raise their hands when they hear a sentence that sounds wrong.
 - Let small groups compete to spot and correct all errors first.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students write their own short paragraph about a busy day, including at least three correct uses of *because* and *because of*.
 - Use this as a mini editing challenge by timing how quickly students can find all the corrections.