

Name _____

Because Blanks

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the word or phrase that explains the **cause or reason** for the event. Use context clues to decide why each event happened. Each answer should logically explain the cause behind the effect described.

The Late Bus

Jordan rushed down the street, waving his arms, but the bus had already turned the corner. He missed it (1) _____ he had spent too long looking for his homework. With no ride, he began to walk quickly toward school.

Halfway there, dark clouds gathered, and heavy rain poured down. Jordan got soaked (2) _____ he didn't have an umbrella. His shoes squished with every step, and his backpack felt heavier.

When he finally arrived at school, the classroom door was closed. The teacher gave him a stern look and asked why he was late. Jordan explained it was (3) _____ the bus had come earlier than usual and he wasn't ready in time.

By the end of the day, he promised himself to pack his bag the night before, (4) _____ he would not face the same problem again.

