

Adverbial clauses of cause or reason

Questions 1-5

Put a tick next to the 5 sentences that have examples of adverbial clauses of cause/reason.

- a) She likes the red dress more than her friend does.
- b) Since we handed the essay in early, we got a two-day break from studying.
- c) If you buy a lottery ticket, you might win some money.
- d) As I don't live in London anymore, I can't see Tower Bridge from my window.
- e) I lift weights because I want to get stronger.
- f) Unless you're already happy with your phone, you should get an upgrade.
- g) She was glad that he came to the party yesterday.
- h) Because he had not wrapped up warm, he caught a cold.
- i) As soon as they finish the housework, they will start cooking the dinner.
- j) Although he is a qualified teacher, he is working as a waiter to pay his bills.

Questions 6-10

Join the two clauses together using an adverb of cause/reason. More than one option is possible.

6) I want to meet you. I will come to your work.

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7) He has written a letter of complaint. We have to refund his money.

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8) It is snowing. I will have to cancel the road trip.

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9) She was disappointed. You failed your English exam.

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10) You didn't pick up the phone. I left a voicemail.

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Questions 11-15

Unscramble the words and put them in the correct order.

11) I / couldn't / to / since / use / phone / my / forgot / my / I / bill / pay

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12) feeling sick / was / had to / she / home / so / she / stay at

_____.

13) 9pm / angry / my boss / stay / made me / work / at / I was / until / that /

_____.

14) football / because / love it / play / they / they

_____.

15) around / as / I'm / show me / think / I / new here / you should

_____.

Answer key

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- (b) Since we handed the essay in early, we got a two-day break from studying.
- (d) As I don't live in London anymore, I can't see Tower Bridge from my window.
- (e) I lift weights because I want to get stronger.
- (g) She was glad that he came to the party yesterday.
- (h) Because he had not wrapped up warm, he caught a cold.

(To challenge students, ask them to identify the types of adverbial clause in the other example sentences – contrast, condition, condition, time, concession)

Questions 6-10

6) I want to meet you. I will come to your work:

- *As/since/because I want to meet you, I will come to your work.*
- *I will come to your work because/as I want to meet you.*

7) He has written a letter of complaint. We have to refund his money.

- *As/since/because he has written a letter of complaint, we have to refund his money.*
- *We have to refund his money because/as/since he has written a letter of complaint.*

8) It is snowing. I will have to cancel the road trip.

- *As/since/because it is snowing, I will have to cancel the road trip.*
- *I will have to cancel the road trip because/as/since it is snowing.*

9) She was disappointed. You failed your English exam.

- *She was disappointed that/because/as/since you failed your English exam.*
- *Because you failed your English exam, she was disappointed.*

10) You didn't pick up the phone. I left a voicemail.

- *As/since/because you didn't pick up the phone, I left a voicemail.*
- *I left a voicemail as/because/since you didn't pick up the phone.*
- *You didn't pick up the phone, so I left a voicemail.*

Questions 11-15

11) Since I forgot to pay my bill, I couldn't use my phone/I couldn't use my phone since I forgot to pay my bill.

12) She was feeling sick, so she had to stay at home.

13) I was angry that my boss made me stay at work until 9pm.

14) They play football because they love it.

15) As I'm new here, I think you should show me around/I think you should show me around as I'm new here.