

Reduced Reason Clause

- **Because + Reason Clause**

Because is followed by a clause expressing the reason for something. Sometimes, *because* and its reason clause can be placed before the main clause for emphasis on the cause. For example,

1. *Tom earned a good salary, because he worked so hard.*
[main clause, because reason clause]

Because Tom worked so hard, he earned a good salary.
[Because reason clause, main clause]

2. *Tom hired an office assistant, because he needed help. or*
Because Tom needed help, he hired an office assistant.

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When the subject of both clauses refers to the same noun, then the reason clause can be replaced with a gerund (-ing) and positioned directly before the noun it modifies. A comma separates the clause from the main clause. *Because* is omitted if the cause-effect relationship can be understood from the context. For example,

1. *Working so hard, Tom earned a good salary.*
2. *Needing help, Tom hired an office assistant.*

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