

BECAUSE / BECAUSE OF

Use of 'because' and 'because of' : To give a reason

Structure: We use a complete sentence after because.

" They didn't win the game because they didn't play well.

BUT,

after because of we use NOUN Phrase or Ving form.

" All the flights were cancelled because of bad weather conditions."

" I went to bed very early because of working too much.

PRACTICE

Fill in the blanks with "because" or "because of"

1. Please don't let your children walk alone _____ the walkway is slippery when wet.
2. Alex missed the penalty _____ lack of concentration.
3. _____ thick fog at the airport, Louis and Tim had to stay in Ankara one more day.
4. Unfortunately she had to give up singing _____ she had a serious throat problem.
5. You are not allowed to enter this secured area _____ you don't have an official permit.
6. We decided to buy that house _____ its low price.
7. _____ the electricity was cut off, we went to bed early.
8. We can't go to school by public transport tomorrow _____ the strike.
9. I had to overwork last week _____ my manager wanted me to finish the reports.
10. People always trust him _____ his honesty.

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