

GIVING REASONS

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BECAUSE is more common than **as** and **since**, both in writing and speaking.

- We didn't enjoy the day **because** the weather was so awful.
- **Because** breathing is something we do automatically, we rarely think about it.

AS/SINCE are more formal than **because**.

- **As** it was getting late, I turned around to start for home.
- We chose John to lead us **as** he said he knew the way.
- They're rather expensive, **since** they're quite hard to find.
- **Since** you are unable to answer, perhaps we should ask someone else.

SEEING THAT (also informal **seeing as** (how)...))

- **Seeing that** he's been off sick all week he's unlikely to come.
- We may as well go to the concert, **seeing as** we've already paid for the tickets.

FORMAL OR LITERARY WRITTEN ENGLISH

FOR (formal or literary written English)

- We listened eagerly, **for** he brought news of our families.
- I cannot tell whether she is old or young, **for** I have never seen her.

IN THAT (formal)

- I've been lucky **in that** I have never had to worry about money.
- The book is good, **in that** it's well written, but I didn't actually enjoy reading it.

INASMUCH AS (formal or literary written English)

- She is guilty, **inasmuch as** she knew what the others were planning.
- We should not use that source, **inasmuch as** it is badly out-of-date.

BECAUSE OF

- The flight was delayed **because of** bad weather.
- **Because of** the Asian crisis, the company's profits fell by 15% during 1997

DUE TO / OWING TO

- The bus was delayed **due to** heavy snow. / A lot of her unhappiness is **due to** boredom.
- She was unable to run **owing to** a leg injury.
- The concert has been cancelled **owing to** lack of interest.

WITH/FOR + noun phrase (informal)

- **With** so many people ill, the meeting was cancelled.
- I couldn't sleep **with** the noise of the traffic.
- I'm feeling all the better **for** my holiday. / He was sick **for** lack of food.