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You use the fact that instead of a simple that-clause either for emphasis or because the clause is the subject of your sentence.

- He refuses to accept (the fact) that he's made a mistake.
- We can't deny (the fact) that we made a mistake.
- The fact that he had left proved to me that everything he'd said was true.

We usually use “the fact that” rather than “that” :

when the noun clause is subject

- **The fact that** you're not a member of the trust makes no difference.
- **The fact that** he didn't say 'no' immediately is a good sign.

after a preposition or some phrases

- You can't get **around the fact that** smoking kills.
- **Apart from the fact that** we went to the same school, we have absolutely nothing in common.
- The delay to the flight was **due to the fact that** there was ice on the runway.
- **There's no escaping the fact that** this system needs to be replaced.

after verbs such as change, discuss, disguise, face, hide, highlight, ignore, overlook , reflect , and welcome

- That doesn't **change the fact that** what you said was stupid.
- We have to **face (up to) the fact that** we don't have enough resources.
- We cannot afford to **ignore the fact that** the world's population is increasing rapidly.

Prepositions cannot be followed by a that clause except with the expression “the fact that” :

X My parents disapproved of **that** my brother left school at sixteen.

✓ My parents disapproved of **the fact that** my brother left school at sixteen.

X She was good at physics despite **that** she found it boring.

✓ She was good at physics despite **the fact that** she found it boring.