Language UNLEASHED

Syntax, Grammar & Discourse Resources



Conjunctions Mastery: 'because'

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Instructions

Please note there is a glossary of helpful terms on page 47

Welcome:

Welcome to this great set of Language Unleashed activities. The
conjunction. Conjunctions are the words that join sentences to
instantly become more complex and elaborate. Conjunctio

Here's what's in these activities:

- Lots of beautiful, natural, 'everyday'
  - We use 'everyday' ima
  - We make the topi
    the new lang
    and po
- Lots of

A word on dos

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us get better quickly with
for language goals, too. Lan
and thoroughly'. The best dos
more about this as you read thro

yers-Denman, C. N., & Plante, E. (2016). Dose sche
age impairment. Language, Speech, and Hearing Serv

Make sure you also have plenty of chats about the photos and follow the learner's language lead as you chat together – respond to their comments, congratulate their ideas, then extend those ideas!

Be playful and engaging. Allow the learner to add comments.

A word on cognitive load:

Cognitive load refers to the amount that the learner has to think about at one time. Learning can only happen if the cognitive load is not overwhelming. In this program, learners are asked to learn the meaning of a conjunction and how to use the conjunction to form a complex sentence. This might make the cognitive load too big for some learners.

To reduce the difficulty of the task, you can:

- Repeat the conjunction on its own or in a short phrase.
  For example:

The girl is happy because she is painting → Because. Because. Because. Because. Because. Becaus

The girl is happy because she is painting → Because she paints.

Once you are confident that the conjunction is no longer new vocabulary, and that the learner ca
some ease, you can go over the pictures again and use the entire complex sentence and conjury
- Take just one or two key words from each clause and join them with the conjunction. Th
  gets experience in using the unfamiliar language of the conjunction. They get this experie
  to do the heavy cognitive work of also repeating the clauses. For example:

The girl is happy because she is painting → happy because painting.

- Use items that the learner can see and hold to help them with this language lea
  'visual supports'. When a learner can 'see' the parts of a whole sentence, it ca
  and to understand the 'parts'.

Here's what you need:

- Use a pencil to represent the first clause of the sentence
- Use an eraser to represent the conjunction.
- Use a different colour pencil to represent the second

Here's what you do:

- Point to each 'visual' item as you say the corresp
  learner, and with the learner.
- You could also use Lego and attach the relev



Record Sheet

Student Name:

Date	Conjunction	Needed support to copy	Able to copy correctly	Able to generate own sentence	Comments

Rule sheet - because

Joining words

We use joining words when we want to link two ideas together.
It helps our sentences sound better. They are not so short and choppy.

because

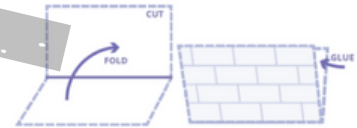


We use **because** when we want to give a reason for something

I am tired **because** I stayed up late last night

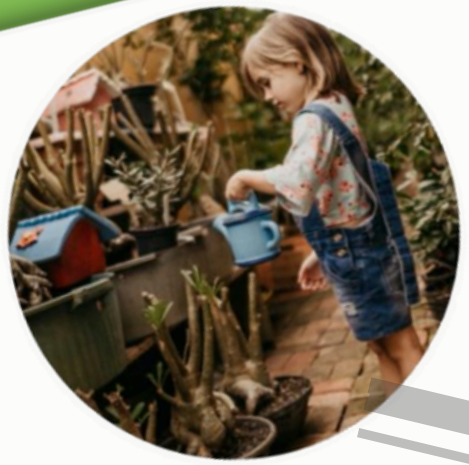
I am having a party **because** it is my birthday tod

Conjunction Bricks



because	because

SAMPLE



Child Watering

Because 1	Because 2
The girl is wearing shorts because it's hot.	Because it is hot, the girl is wearing sho
She wears shoes because the path is rough.	Because the path is rough, she wears
She holds the can carefully because she doesn't want to spill.	Because she doesn't want to spill, she
The plants have been pruned because it helps them grow well.	Because it helps them grow well, th been pruned.
The girl concentrates because this is an important job.	Because this is an important job, concentrates.
There are many plants because her family love them.	Because her family love plants, them.
It doesn't matter that one braces-strap is down, because the other one does the job.	Because one braces-strap can matter that the other one is
The girl is quiet because there might be baby birds in the birdhouses.	Because there might be baby birdhouses, the girl is quiet.
She must refill the can lots of times because it is small.	Because the can is small, st times.
She has a small can because a big one would be too heavy.	Because a big can would small one.



City Scene with a Tram

Because 1	Because 2
People can see the tram easily because it is red.	Because the tram is red, people can see it easily.
This man has a suitcase because he is travelling.	Because he is travelling, this man has a suitcase.
Some people wear masks because they have colds.	Because some people have colds, they wear masks.
The building will be cleaned because it has become dirty.	Because the building has become dirty, it will be cleaned.
These people are safe next to the tram because it has stopped.	Because the tram has stopped, these people are safe next to it.
There are tracks in the street because trams run on tracks.	Because trams run on tracks, there are tracks in the street.
There are wires overhead because the tram needs power.	Because the tram needs power, there are wires overhead.
The tram has a light because it runs at night.	Because the tram runs at night, it has a light.
The people have coats because it is cold.	Because it is cold, the people have coats.
This girl has high boots because she thinks they are cool.	Because she thinks they are cool, this girl has high boots.



City Mall

Because 1	Because 2
p posts because the streetlights are	Because the streetlights are hanging, there are no lamp posts.
ght because the sun is shining.	Because the sun is shining, this building is bright.
e street neat because they care	Because the people care about beauty, they keep the street neat.
s because it is cold.	Because it is cold, the people wear coats.
because they are shiny.	Because the pavers are shiny, they reflect the light.
cause there are no gardens.	Because there are no gardens, people plant in pots.
t got no water.	Because this plant got no water, it died.
cause they are friends.	Because they are friends, these two are chatting.
se the lights need electricity.	Because the lights need electricity, there are wires here.
urch because of the	Because of the coloured bricks, there are patterns on the church.

SAMPLE

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