

# GIVING REASONS AND EXPLANATIONS

A2-B1 | Functional language for explaining why

## 1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to give a clear reason for an action, choice or opinion.

**because ...**

I took a taxi because I was late.

**because of ...**

The game was cancelled because of the rain.

**so ...**

It was cold, so I wore a coat.

**that's why ...**

I was tired. That's why I went home.

**the reason is ...**

The reason is that it is too expensive.

**for this reason, ...**

For this reason, we changed the plan.

**as a result, ...**

As a result, the train was late.

**this means that ...**

This means that we need more time.

## 2 Respond to the situations

Write a reason or explanation for each situation. Try to use a range of phrase patterns.

1. You arrived late for class because your bus was delayed.

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2. You can't go to a friend's party because you have to work.

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3. A picnic was cancelled because it rained all day.

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4. You chose a hotel near the station because you have an early train.

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5. Your class wants to use a shorter book because there is not much time before the test.

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6. A shop is closed because it is a public holiday.

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7. You want to practise English every day because you want to speak more confidently.

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8. Your team needs another meeting because not everyone understood the first plan.

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## 3 Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable responses are also correct.

*Encourage students to choose a phrase that suits the relationship and situation.*

1. I arrived late because my bus was delayed.

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2. I can't go to the party because I have to work.

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3. The picnic was cancelled because of the rain.

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4. I chose a hotel near the station because I have an early train.

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5. There's little time before the test. For this reason, we want a shorter book.

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6. It's a public holiday. That's why the shop is closed.

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7. I practise English every day because I want to speak more confidently.

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8. Not everyone understood the first plan. As a result, we need another meeting.

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