

BECAUSE OR BECAUSE OF?

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences using **BECAUSE** or **BECAUSE OF**

Eg. I'm soaked because of the rain.

I'm soaked because I have been walking in the rain.

1. I have given up smoking _____ I want to be healthy and fit.

2. My English friends always make fun of me _____ my French accent, but I know they think it's cute!
3. Yesterday I had to catch a taxi home _____ my car wouldn't start. What a nuisance!
4. "Why don't you like London?" "It's very simple: _____ the weather."
5. He gets on my nerves _____ the way he talks. I can't stand him!

EXERCISE 2.

Rephrase the following sentences

Eg. We wanted to have a picnic, but we had to put it off because of the rain

We wanted to have a picnic, but we had to put it off because it was raining.

1. I nearly had a crash. I couldn't see anything because it was very foggy.

I nearly had a crash. I couldn't see anything because of _____.

2. Louise couldn't sing because of her sore throat.

Louise couldn't sing because _____.

3. Anna has given up studying Italian because of her laziness.

Anna has given up studying Italian because

_____.

4. On our way to Hereford we had to stop over in a small country village because there was a terrible thunder storm.

On our way to Hereford we had to stop over in a small country village because of

_____.

5. She had to leave him because she was too proud.

She had to leave him because of her excessive

_____.