



Lesson B1-13 | Low Intermediate | CEFR B1

Subordinating Conjunctions - Reason

Use the words in the Grammar Challenge to complete the gaps.

Conversation 1

Man: Why did you go home early _____ ?
Woman: I left early _____ I was sick.
Man: Well, _____ were not here, I can't pay you.
Woman: I understand, _____ I did work from home.
Man: Oh, you did?
Woman: Yes, I can show you my work.

Conversation 2

Man: I love the spring _____ the weather's so cool.
Woman: I do too, _____ I don't like rainy weather, and it always rains a lot.
Man: Yeah, _____ I sometimes get allergies.
Woman: Me too, _____ it hasn't been bad this year.
Man: Yeah, not so much. I think it's because of El Nino.
Woman: Maybe, although who knows?

Conversation 3

Man: Let's go to the store because it _____ soon.
Woman: When does it close?
Man: It closes at ten _____ Sunday.
Woman: Let's go then _____ it's already 5:30.
Man: Sounds good. Should I drive?
Woman: No, I will _____ drive slow.

Conversation 4

Man: Can I use your iPad?
Woman: Yeah, sure. It's over there.
Man: Can I use it to record a short video?
Woman: Sure, what are you _____ ?
Man: Well, _____ I'm a terrible cook, I'm making a _____ video for my son.
Woman: Fun! _____ you're doing that, can I be in it too?
Man: Sure, as you wish.

Quiz

- 1) She left early because _____.
 a) she was sick
 b) her work was done
- 2) She does not like _____.
 a) rain
 b) spring
- 3) It closes early because it is _____.
 a) a holiday
 b) Sunday
- 4) She asks him to _____.
 a) be careful with the iPad
 b) join in the video

Grammar Challenge

Use the words below to complete each conversation.

Con #1	Con #2	Con #3	Con #4
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yesterday	but	since you	cooking
because	and	because it's	Since
since you	because	since	filming

Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) Is there something you do even though it's unhealthy?
- 2) Why isn't Sally at work today?
- 3) Is it alright for me to use a pencil in the exam?
- 4) What time should we leave for the airport?
- 5) Do you have any hobbies?

- (_) Sally isn't here because she's on holiday.
 (_) I like painting, although I'm very bad at it.
 (_) You can use a pencil although a pen is better.
 (_) I smoke cigarettes even though it's unhealthy.
 (_) We should leave soon since there's a lot of traffic.

What about you? Share your answers to the questions.

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