

1 Time clauses

Circle the correct time expression to complete each sentence.

1. **After** / **Until** I traveled overseas, I hadn't known much about different cultures.
2. **After** / **Before** I got a full-time job, I had to live on a very limited budget.
3. **By the time** / **Once** I finished high school, I had already taken three college courses.
4. **As soon as** / **Before** I left for college, my mother turned my room into her office.
5. **Once** / **Until** I left home, I realized how much my family meant to me.
6. **By the time** / **The moment** you have a child, you feel totally responsible for him or her.

2 Expressing regret and describing hypothetical situations

A Write sentences with *should (not) have* to express regret about each person's situation.

1. Sarah was very argumentative with her teacher, so she had to stay after school.
Sarah shouldn't have been argumentative with her teacher.
2. Ivan didn't save up for a car, so he still has to take public transportation.

3. Jon was very inactive when he was in college, so he gained a lot of weight.

4. Lisa didn't stay in touch with her high school classmates, so now she has very few friends.

5. Tony didn't study Spanish in school, so he's not bilingual now.

B Rewrite your sentences in part A, changing them to hypothetical situations.

1. If Sarah hadn't been argumentative with her teacher, she wouldn't have had to stay after school.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

1 Describing purpose

A Complete the sentences with *in order to* or *in order for*.

1. In order for a supermarket to succeed, it has to be clean and well organized.
2. _____ stay popular, a website needs to be accurate and visually attractive.
3. _____ run a profitable furniture store, it's important to advertise on TV.
4. _____ a restaurant to stay in business, it needs to have "regulars" – customers that come often.
5. _____ establish a successful nail salon, it has to have a convenient location.
6. _____ an online business to survive, it needs to have excellent pictures of the merchandise it's selling.

B Rewrite the sentences in part A without *In order*.

1. For a supermarket to succeed, it has to be clean and well organized.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

2 Giving reasons

Circle the correct words to complete the conversation.

A: I had to go downtown today **because / because of / due to** I needed to mail a package at the post office. **Due to / For / Since** I was only a few blocks from Main Street, I went over to Martin's. Did you know that Martin's has gone out of business? I'm so upset!

B: That's too bad, but I'm not surprised. A lot of family-owned shops are closing **because / because of / since** the construction of shopping malls.

A: Yeah, and don't forget about all the megastores that are popping up everywhere. **Because / For / The reason why** people prefer to shop there is to save money. Everyone loves a megastore **because / due to / since** the low prices and the huge selection.

B: Not me! I loved Martin's **for / since / the reason that** their beautiful clothes and friendly salespeople. When you were there, you almost felt like family. You'll never get that at a megastore!