

BECAUSE VS. BECAUSE OF

[Exercise 2]

Choose the correct answer (**because** or **because of**).

1. I missed the morning train _____ I overslept.
a) because
b) because of
2. It all happened _____ his decision.
a) because
b) because of
3. Claire is not allowed to drive _____ her age.
a) because
b) because of
4. We came to New York _____ we got a job there.
a) because
b) because of
5. The hotel closed _____ the recession.
a) because
b) because of
6. They found working in China difficult _____ the language barrier.
a) because
b) because of
7. I love Rachel _____ she is the kindest person I know.
a) because
b) because of
8. Matt decided to break up with his girlfriend _____ he doesn't love her anymore.
a) because
b) because of

9. They couldn't understand each other _____ the big age difference.
a) because
b) because of
10. I don't want to talk to Fred _____ he is so rude to me.
a) because
b) because of
11. My flight was canceled _____ the harsh weather conditions.
a) because
b) because of
12. This hotel is highly rated _____ its location and great service.
a) because
b) because of
13. Liam bought Amy a golden necklace _____ it's her birthday next week.
a) because
b) because of
14. She was scared _____ he saw a poisonous snake in the grass.
a) because
b) because of
15. I couldn't sleep _____ the strange noise coming from my neighbor's house.
a) because
b) because of

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