

Observational Profile Area

- **Sentence Structure**

Suitable for Years 4–6

Suitable For

- **Small Group**
- **1:1 Session**

Matching two event sentences (Because)

Language Focus

Comprehension and production of sentences that use a causal conjunction (because) to identify the subordinate clause.

Oral Language Observational Profile Indicators targeted:

- Understanding and /or describing two events that occur in a sentence using

subordinate clauses.

Materials

- Resource sheets titled 'Understanding two event sentences (subordinate clause—because) on the following page.

Procedure

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cut out sentence pairs. | <p>(because it was time to go to school) Explain that this is not a sentence , highlighting that when 'because' is present, part of the sentence is missing (either cause or effect)</p> | <p>the joining word (because).</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Put down and read aloud a sentence (The boy got dressed) Explain to the student that this is a sentence. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Model a sentence match and get student to identify | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The student can then match the other sentence pairs. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Put down and read aloud a subordinate clause | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Extend by getting the student to make up a new ending for each sentence. |

Notes

To extend this activity, give the student a sentence about everyday activities and ask them to add an ending to make a complex sentence, e.g. I was late for school (because I slept in).

MATCHING TWO EVENT SENTENCES (Because)

The boy got dressed.	because it was time to go to school
Jack ate some cookies.	because he was hungry
The girl went swimming.	because she was hot
Sally went to sleep.	because she was tired
The dog was sick.	because he ate some chocolate
The girls made sandwiches.	because they were going on a picnic
Tom was upset.	because he lost his new watch
Jody went shopping.	because she won two hundred dollars
The man was happy.	because he was on holidays
The woman made a cake.	because it was he son's birthday