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Answers on the next slide

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When we give reasons, we are explaining why an event has happened, or explaining why we do something.

E.g.

I came home muddy because I was playing rugby in the rain.



This is the event

This is the reason

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When we give a reason for why something we has happened, we use a conjunction- specifically '**as**' or '**because**.'

E.g.

I ate the last piece of cake
Event

because
conjunction

I was hungry.
reason

I came home from football early
Event

as
conjunction

it was raining heavily.
reason

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Other ways we can use to give reasons:

- **As a result,** I have decided to cancel my subscription.
- **Consequently,** I was unable to carry on my work.
- **For this reason,** I expect a full refund.
- I was unhappy with my experience, **so** I am writing this letter of complaint.
- **Therefore,** I had to buy another pair of shoes.