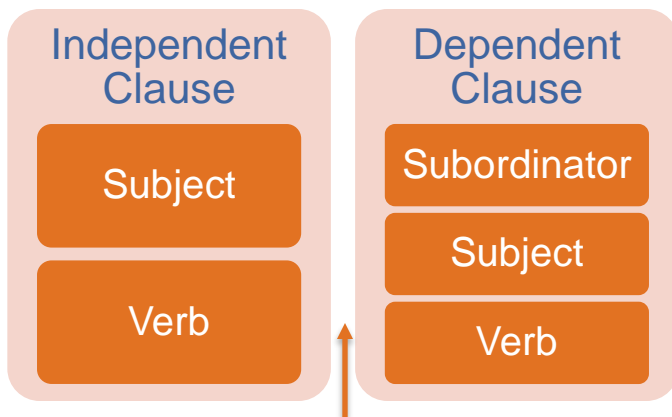


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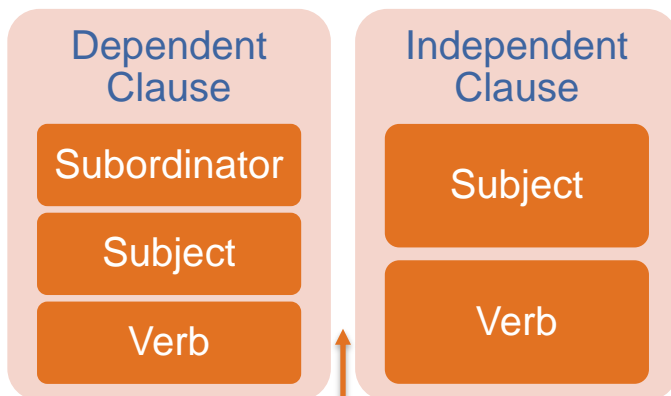
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Because

- Subordinator located in a dependent clause
- To present a reason or cause of an event
- Can be replaced with the subordinators *since* or *as*



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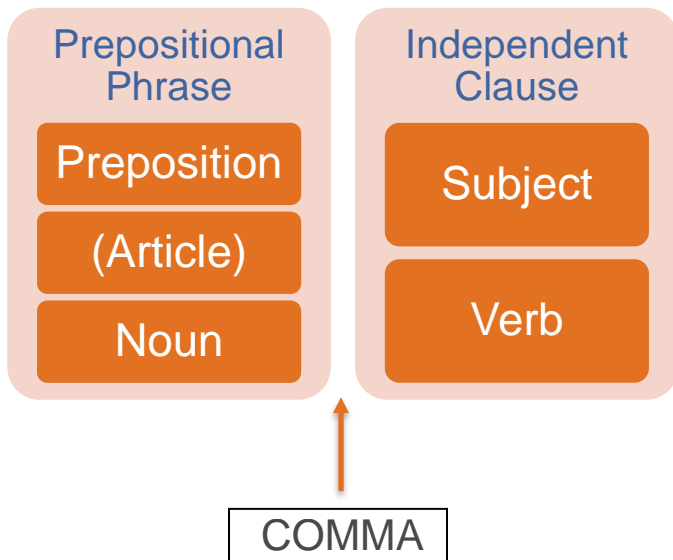
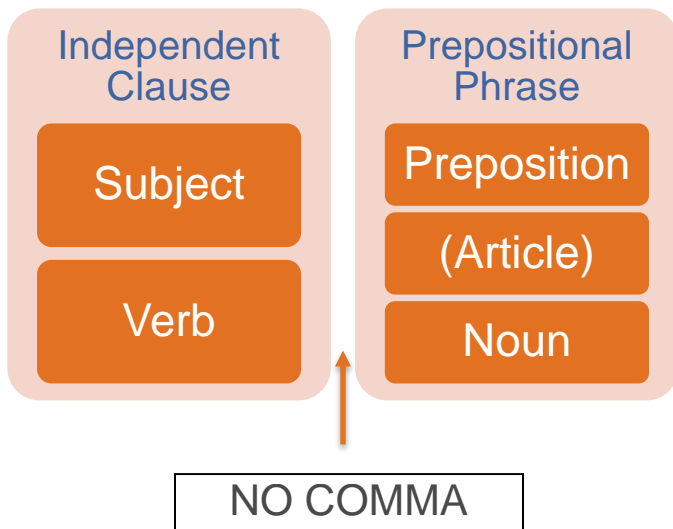
EXAMPLES

- *The professor was absent because she was ill.*
- *Because the professor was ill, she was absent.*
- *The truck was not able to move because it had an empty gas tank.*
- *Because the truck's gas tank was empty, it was not able to move.*
- *The outdoor music festival was postponed because the rain was not stopping.*
- *Because the rain was not stopping, the outdoor music festival was postponed.*
- *The referee stopped the game because two athletes were badly injured.*
- *Because two athletes were badly injured, the referee stopped the game.*
- *Multiple cars left the highway because the roads were icy.*
- *Because the roads were icy, multiple cars left the highway.*
- *She was not able to work in her office because the room temperature was too high.*
- *Because the room temperature was too high, she was not able to work in her office.*



Because of

- *Preposition function* to introduce a noun phrase
- To present a reason or cause of an event
- Can be replaced with *on account of* and *owing to*



EXAMPLES

- *The professor was absent because of illness.*
- *Because of illness, the professor was absent.*
- *The truck was not able to move because of the empty gas tank.*
- *Because of the empty gas tank, the truck was not able to move.*
- *The outdoor music festival was postponed because of the continuous rain.*
- *Because of the continuous rain, the outdoor music festival was postponed.*
- *The referee stopped the game because of the two badly injured athletes.*
- *Because of the two badly injured athletes, the referee stopped the game.*
- *Multiple cars left the highway because of the icy roads.*
- *Because of the icy roads, multiple cars left the highway.*
- *She was not able to work in her office because of the high room temperature.*
- *Because of the high room temperature, she was not able to work in her office.*



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