

WRITING DEVELOPMENT

In her book, *The Writing Revolution* Judith Hochman tells us that students' problems with reading comprehension, as well with writing essays, occur because they have not been taught systematically to write ... to which her book gives a step-by-step guide.

The Writing Development exercises here are adapted from her programme.

The Difficulties of Ruling Wilhelmine Germany

3. Conjunctions I – because

A conjunction joins two sentences together, so that the resultant sentence is more interesting, and carries more information.

One of the most important conjunctions for historians is 'because'.

'Because' is essential in 'Why?' questions, and any answer which requires you to 'explain', thus:

consequence ←	BECAUSE	← cause
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eg.:

“Germany was badly governed **because** the Kaiser was a disaster.”

1. Complete the following sentence stems:

- Bismark made a Reinsurance Treaty with Russia because _____.
- Ministers had “a terrible fear of the Kaiser” because _____.
- _____ because he was too lazy to read documents, and lacked the concentration to listen to reports
- _____ because the Kaiser introduced an *Immediatsystem*.

2. Develop two 'because' sentences for each of the following:

- Germany's weak, complex government
- The Reichstag
- Caprivi's 'New Course'