

Aspect 1: Inductive rather than deductive thinking.

For example:

Exercise 1: Draw a box around the clauses.

1. I bought an airline ticket **because** I want to visit my uncle.
 2. We took our dog to the vet **since** it was sick.
 3. **Since** Mari didn't speak English, she spoke in French to the shopkeeper.
 4. ...
 5. ...
- (etc.)

Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer for the rule.

Rule: According to the sentences in Exercise 1, when we use *because* or *since* in a sentence, we have ____.

- a) one clause b) two clauses

Aspect 2: Analytical rather than pattern practice

For example:

Exercise 1: Read the sentences. Choose the correct grammar explanation for each.

1. I went to the library because I needed a book for my report.
 - a) This sentence is grammatically correct because it has two clauses with "because."
 - b) This sentence is grammatically incorrect because it has only one clause with "because."
 2. Since I was very lucky.
 - a) This sentence is grammatically correct because it has two clauses with "since."
 - b) This sentence is grammatically incorrect because it has only one clause with "since."
 3. ...
 4. ...
- (etc.)

Exercise 2

1) Write **OK** if the sentences are grammatically correct. (Hint: In total, two sentences are OK.)

2) Correct the mistakes if they are grammatically incorrect.

OK 1. Ken didn't have many friends in elementary school because he was shy.

___ 2. My parents bought me a new computer. ^{because} ~~Because~~ I passed my math class.

___ 3. We moved to the city because my father found a great job there.

___ 4. Dr. Wilson came to my house. Since my brother was sick.

5. ...

6. ...

(etc.)

Exercise 3

1) Write **OK** if the sentences are grammatically correct.

2) If the sentences are grammatically incorrect, write **NOT OK** and explain the problem.

Not OK 1) They celebrated all night long. Because they won the match.

Explanation: There is only one clause with "because." There should be two.

OK 2) I love to spend the summer near a lake, since the evenings are cool there.

Explanation: _____

_____ 3) Because the newspaper had my picture in it. I bought several copies to show my friends. Explanation: _____

Aspect 3: Multi-sensory rather than visual only

For example:

Dictation Exercise X: Listen to the sentences and write them. Use punctuation and capitalization.

1. _____
2. _____

Instructor's Listening Script for Exercise X:

1. They built a new school because the old one was too small.
2. Because the letter arrived late, I didn't know about the party.

(Also, see Appendix E for "Grammar Groups Review," exercises which involve group discussions.)

Aspect 4: Paragraph-level, rather than just sentence-level, application

For example:

Exercise Y: On the topic below, write a paragraph with about five sentences. In at least three of the sentences, use the word "*because*" or "*since*."

Topic: Tell about what you did last weekend and why you did it, **or** tell about your plans for next weekend and why you will do them.