

Focus on Giving Reasons

A well-developed answer is usually a reasonable one. However, most students seem to overuse the word “because” when providing explanations.

Fill in the blanks with the following expressions:

since	in view of	as
in order to	due to	considering/given the fact that

- a. Well, typically I drink up to 6 glasses of water as the doctor requires, **as** there is evidence to suggest that this is a healthy habit.
- b. Unfortunately, you would likely see me drown if you threw me into a pool, **since** I have never taken any swimming classes before.
- c. As a matter of fact, I seldom drink water, **considering the fact that** I hate running to the washroom and back every 15 minutes.
- d. It seems unlikely that the local residents can enjoy doing any activities **due to** their busy work schedules.
- e. I can't exactly say that they are wasteful, yet most of the locals tend to consume a lot of water **in order to** maintain a certain standard of living.
- f. With all due respect, there are a number of measures that the authorities can take **in view of** the financial resources at their disposal, yet they are not doing enough.

Answer these questions using the linkers in the table and topic specific vocabulary:

- 1. How much water do you drink every day?
- 2. Are you a good swimmer?
- 3. How long have you gone without drinking anything?
- 4. Do people in your country enjoy water sports?
- 5. Do people in your country use a lot of water?