

UNIT 1

Composition

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Subject

Describe your town or village. Say where it is and describe its houses and buildings. Write about the kind of work people do and how they spend their leisure.

Structure Practice

Use the following incomplete sentences, substitution tables and questions to talk about your town or village. Whenever possible say things which are true. Try to make up similar sentences and questions of your own.

Revision of time clauses from Compositions One and Two:

Ask one another the following questions. You can answer each question in many different ways.

1. What do the older people of your town do when there is a public holiday?
Where do the young men of your village go after they finish work?
young women

2. What happens to the older people of your town when they can no longer find work?
village

3. What do the boys of your town do when school finishes for the day?
girls of your village do when there is a public holiday?
children after they complete their education?

Here is an example of the new type of sentence practised in this composition:

The town has a cold climate *because Scotland is far north.*

4. Complete the following sentences. You can complete each sentence several times in different ways.

Many people in . . . work as . . . because

Most of the houses are built of . . . because

Few
Many people visit . . . because

The town
village has a . . . climate because

Because the winter is very cold,
is not

Because many people start work at . . . in the morning, they

Ask one another the following questions. Use *because* in your answer. You can answer each question in many different ways.

5. Why do
 most
 some
 a few
 none
- of the
 men
 women
- in your
 town
 village
- work
 in factories?
 on farms?
 in mines?
 in shops?
 as fishermen?
 in offices?

Example: Most of the men in my village work as fishermen because it is beside the sea.

6. Why are
 some
 many
 a few
 none
- of the houses in your
 town
 village
- built of
 brick?
 stone?
 wood?
 mud?
- far away from one another?
 crowded together?

7. Why do
 most
 some
- people in your
 town
 village
- start work early?
 start work late?
 wear heavy clothes?
 wear light clothes?
 sleep in the afternoon?

■ For this composition you have practised sentences containing clauses which begin the word *because*. We shall call these clauses *because clauses*.

Sample Composition

Read through the following:

Most of my life I have lived in Port Glasgow, a small town in Scotland, on the river Clyde. I did not leave Port Glasgow until I had finished my education. The town has a wet and rather cold climate because it is on the west coast of Scotland. The buildings in Port Glasgow are very high because land is expensive. Also, because in winter there is a lot of rain and high winds, all of the houses are built of stone. Because many of the houses are built on hills, the streets are steep and narrow. Few tourists come to visit Port Glasgow because it is not well known.

There are many shipyards in Port Glasgow because the town is situated on an important river, and because the necessary materials are available in that part of Scotland. When a boy leaves school, he often goes to work in the shipyards. While he is working in the shipyard, a young man may still continue his education in the

evening. Many of the young women work in cloth factories because such work is easy for women. Most people start work at about half-past eight because of the cold weather and dark mornings in winter. Because of the cold weather, people usually wear heavy clothes except for a few weeks in summer. Work in the shipyards finishes every evening at five o'clock. When people get home from work, they usually want to eat immediately because they are hungry after a day's work.

After they have finished work, most people prefer to stay at home in the evening because there are not many things to do in Port Glasgow. When they stay at home, they usually chat or watch television. In summer, when the evenings are warm, people like to go walking on the hills above the town. Also in summer it does not get dark until very late because Port Glasgow is so far north. Because there are only about 20,000 people in Port Glasgow, the shopping centre is rather small. Some people go to shop in Glasgow at weekends or holidays. When the weather is good in the summer, people often go to the sea-side which is only fifteen miles away.

Preparation and Writing of Student's Composition

1. Now write down some sentences from the structure practice.
2. Carefully re-read the sample composition, counting the number of examples of *because clauses* in each paragraph.
3. Make sure you use several sentences containing *because clauses* in your own composition. You may find it useful to refer to the sample composition while you are writing your own composition.
4. When you have written your composition, give it to a friend to read.