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Conjunctions: as, because, because of. As and because are conjunctions. As and because introduce subordinate clauses. They connect the result of something with its reason. Because is more common than as. He spoke quietly because he didn't want Susan to hear. Everyone left early because Robert and Susan had to catch an early flight in ... [Read moreConjunctions](#)

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Compound sentences,

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Around or round? Around is usually an adverb meaning "in a circle". Round is usually a noun meaning "a circular object". We use around and round when we refer to movements in circles or from one place to another. Around and round can both be used. Around is more common in American English. Round is ... [Read moreAround or round?](#)

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The Verb To Do

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