

due to or *because of*

Due to is an
adjective

Because of is an
adverb

Due to modifies
nouns and
pronouns

Because of modifies
verbs, adjective,
and clauses

Due to follows
some form of the
be verb

Because of usually
follows a clause

Due to can be
replaced by *caused
by*

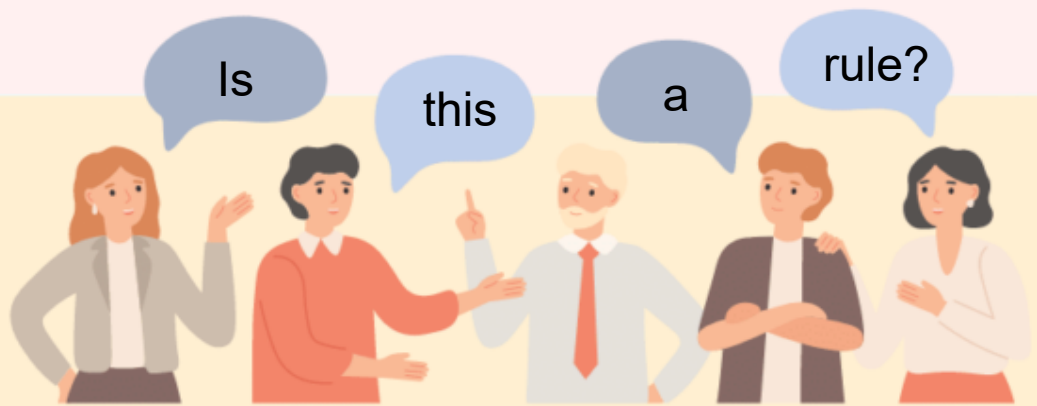
Because of can be
replaced by *owing
to*

due to or *because of*

DUE TO VS. BECAUSE OF

"due to" (adjective) must follow a noun

"because of" (adverb) modifies a verb



due to = caused by

Let's make this simple
by replacing **due to**
with **caused by**.

The accident was **due to**
the heavy snow.

The accident was **caused by**
the heavy snow.

because of = ~~*caused by*~~

**Correct: The bus was late
because of a flat tire.**



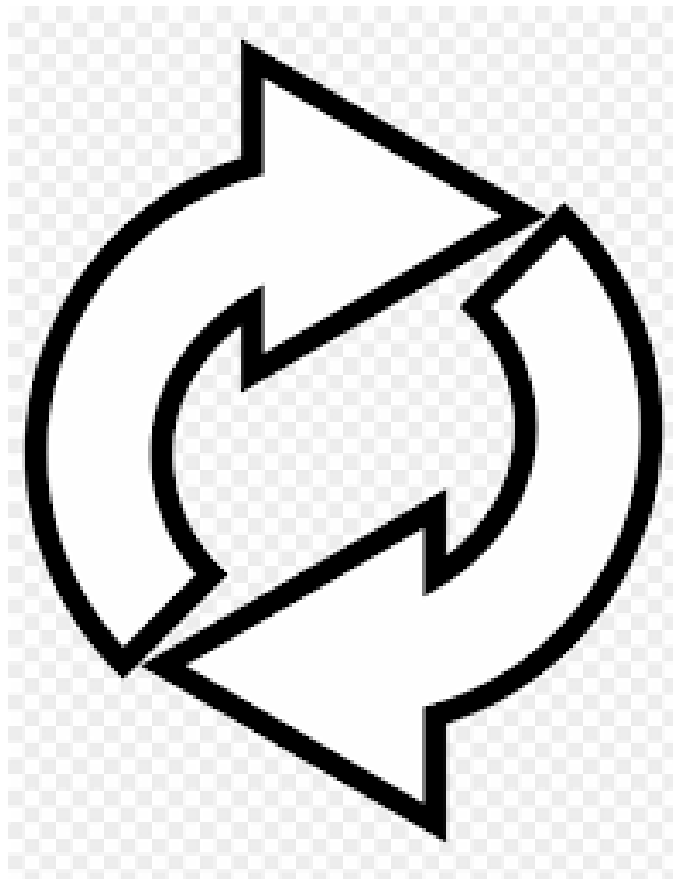
**Incorrect: The bus was late
caused by a flat tire.**

**Correct: The bus was late
on account of a flat tire.**

*(We can replace *because of* with *on account of*)*

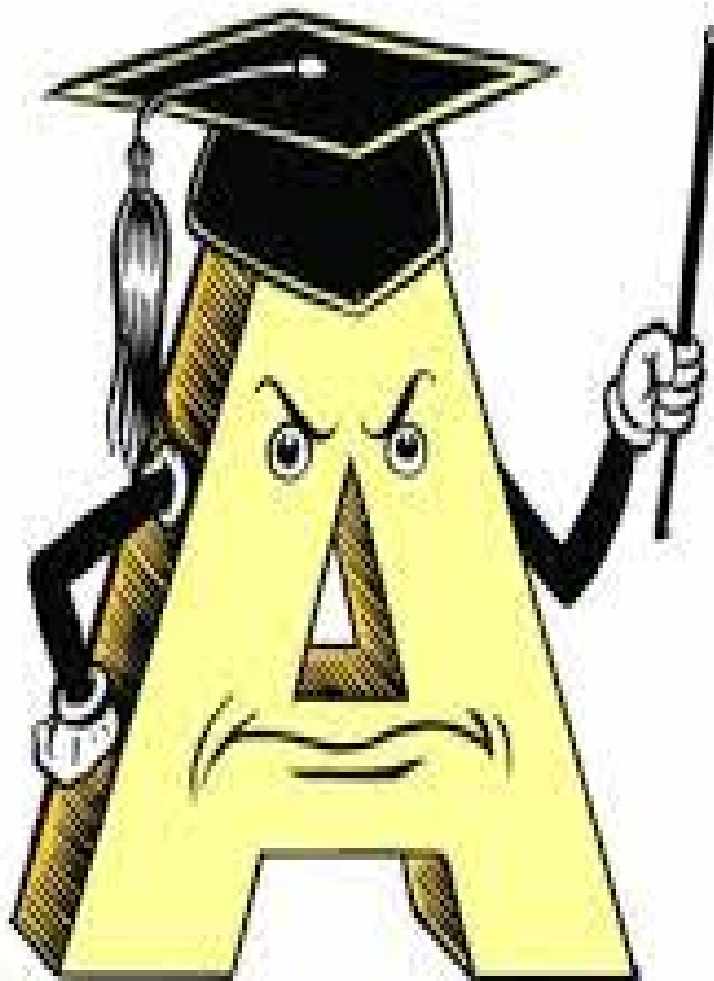
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**Some grammar guides
say **due to**
and **because of**
are interchangeable.**



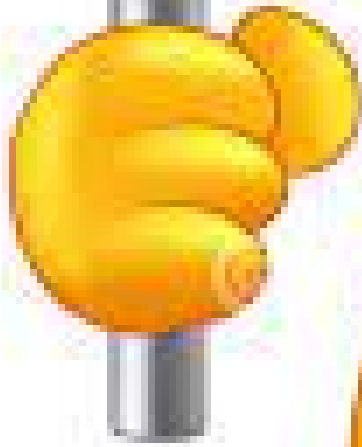
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**Let's have fun with this
file and keep
grammarians happy.**



Write *due to* or *because of*
on your whiteboard.

due to or
because of



*There are 14 questions.
How many will you
get correct?*



due to = *caused by*

Remember, replace
due to with *caused by*.



due to or because of



**The flood was
 heavy rain.**

due to



**The flood was
due to heavy rain.**

*The flood was **caused by** heavy rain.*

due to or *because of*



**We were late for class
 the snow.**

because of



**We were late for class
because of the snow.**

Incorrect: We were late for class caused by the snow.

due to or because of



The plane did not fly

poor planning.

because of



**The plane did not fly
because of
poor planning.**

due to or because of



**poor planning,
the plane did not fly.**

Because of



**Because of
poor planning,
the plane did not fly.**

due to or because of



**The traffic jam was
 an accident.**

due to



**The traffic jam was
due to an accident.**

*The traffic jam was **caused by** an accident.*

due to or *because of*



**The traffic was bad
an accident.**

because of



**The traffic was bad
because of an accident.**

due to or because of



**The game was delayed
 lightning.**

because of



**The game was delayed
because of lightning.**

due to or because of



**The delay in the game
was the rain.**

due to



**The delay in the game
was *due to* the rain.**

due to or because of



**The concert was
canceled
the rain.**

because of



**The concert was
canceled *because of*
the rain.**

due to or because of



**Few people go to the
restaurant _____
its lousy food.**

because of



**Few people go to the
restaurant *because of*
its lousy food.**

due to or because of



**He was angry _____
their sloppy play.**

because of



He was angry *because of* their sloppy play.

due to or because of



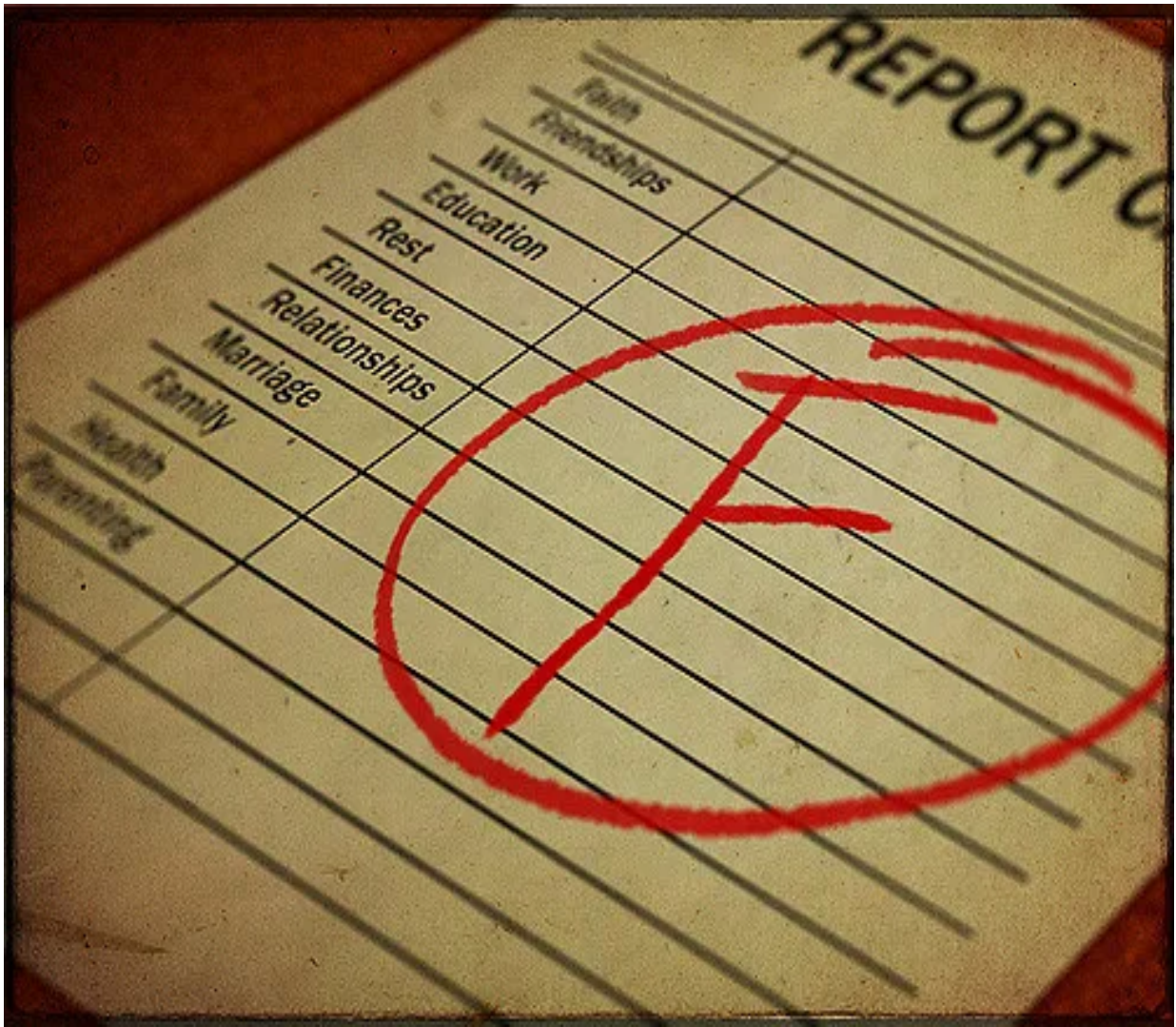
**His anger was _____
their sloppy play.**

due to



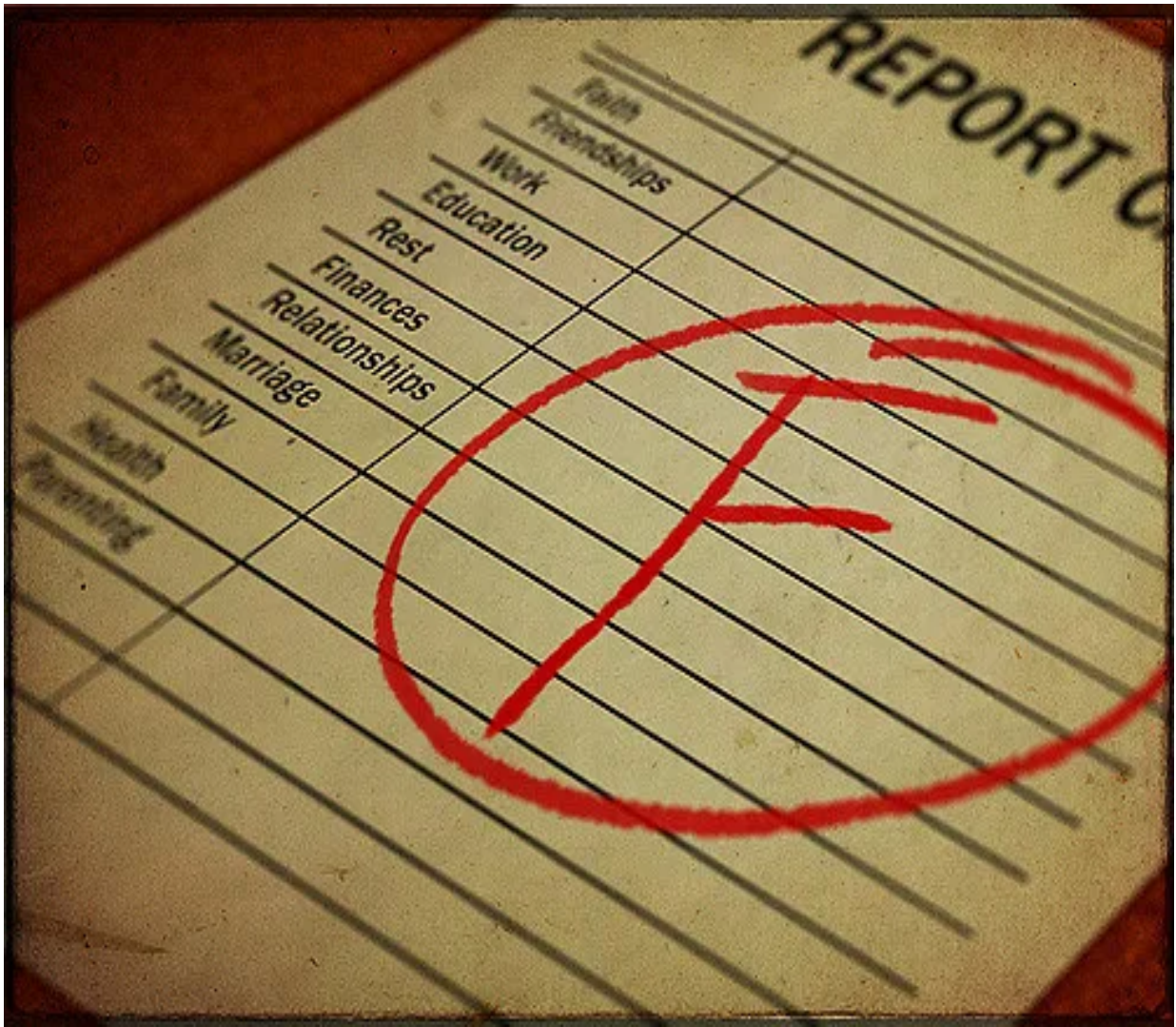
His anger was *due to* their sloppy play.

due to or because of



**His poor grades were
_____ not studying.**

due to



**His poor grades were
due to not studying.**

due to or because of



**He is sweaty
 the heat.**

because of



**He is sweaty
because of the heat.**

*Of course there are exceptions
to most rules.*

**The amount of five dollars
was **due to** *(something owed)* him.**

The plane is **due to *(expected)*
arrive at 9 am.**

**In these cases,
we can not replace
due to with **caused by**.**

