

# Sentence building

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving a sports car can be fun.</li> <li>• It is very expensive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cost of maintenance is high.</li> <li>• Insurance premiums are twice as much as for a family car.</li> </ul>
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Your version: *Despite being very expensive driving a sport car can be fun. On the other hand, the cost of maintenance and insurance premiums are higher then by driving a family car.*

Comment: “On the other hand” presents a clear CONTRAST. But here, you have already SAID in the first part that driving is expensive, so the second sentence after “on the other hand” isn’t in CONTRAST to it, but a clarification.

My version: *Driving a sports car can be fun, even though the cost of maintenance and insurance are higher than for family cars.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading is a favourite pastime for thousands of people.</li> <li>• An avid reader learns a lot.</li> <li>• An avid reader can escape the realities of daily life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading a good novel can take you to far away places.</li> <li>• It can introduce you to new experiences.</li> </ul>
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Your version: *Reading is a favourite pastime for thousands of people because both of learning a lot and the possibility of escaping the realities of daily life. In fact, reading a good novel can lead you far away and also to new experiences.*

Question: Can I use both in this collocation between because and of?

Answer: We don’t use “because of” with “\_\_\_\_\_ing”. You can say:  
 - *because it teaches you a lot* (“because” with a CLAUSE) OR  
 - *because of the educational benefits it can bring* (“because of” with a NOUN)

My versions:

- *Reading is a favourite pastime for thousands of people who can both learn a lot and escape from the realities of life. Indeed, reading can take you to far away places and introduce you to new experiences.*
- *Reading is a favourite pastime for thousands of people because it not only teaches them a lot but also allows them to escape the realities of daily life. In fact, reading a good novel can lead them far away (and) to new experiences.*
- *Reading is a favourite pastime for thousands of people who can not only learn a lot but also escape from the realities of life. Indeed, reading can take you to far away places and introduce you to new experiences.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some television programs are specifically made for children</li> <li>• These are good educational tools.</li> <li>• Children can learn many things.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These include three R's They also include the marvellous wonders of the world.</li> <li>• Social customs, habits, and beliefs are also easily conveyed to children through TV.</li> </ul>
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Your version: *Some television programs are specifically for children and, in reality, good educational tools. They convey to children not only the marvelous wonders of the world but also social customs, habits and belief.*

My version: *Some television programs specifically made for children are excellent educational tools, which not only help children with basic skills but also convey to them the marvelous wonders of the world and its differing social customs, habits and beliefs.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are many benefits from having a pet.</li> <li>• Children can learn to be responsible.</li> <li>• Responsibility is learned</li> <li>• The child has to feed and water the pet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They must watch out for illness or injury.</li> <li>• They can play with their pet.</li> <li>• Playing with their pet provides hours of companionship and fun.</li> </ul>
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Your version: *From feeding and watering a pet the children learn to be responsible. In fact, they must watch out for its illness or injury besides playing with it.*

My version: *Children derive many benefits from owning a pet, in particular a sense of responsibility. This comes from having to feed and water it and also look out for illness or injury, while playing with it provides hours of companionship and fun.*