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 - 2 Jen's such ____
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Linkers of reason

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- 1 World Heritage Sites are very important. That's why / *Because* we should protect them.
- 2 I've contacted UNESCO *because of* / *because* I want to volunteer with them.
- 3 Our History teacher said it's a great experience. *Because of* / *That's why* I decided to do it.
- 4 We're hoping to travel to the Galapagos Islands *because* / *that's why* we'd like to see the unique species of animals there.
- 5 It's a World Heritage Site *because* / *because of* its natural beauty and animal life.
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Time connectors

4 Complete the sentences. Use *as*, *as soon as* and *by the time*.

- (1) As we were having breakfast, we heard the news about Shakira being in town.
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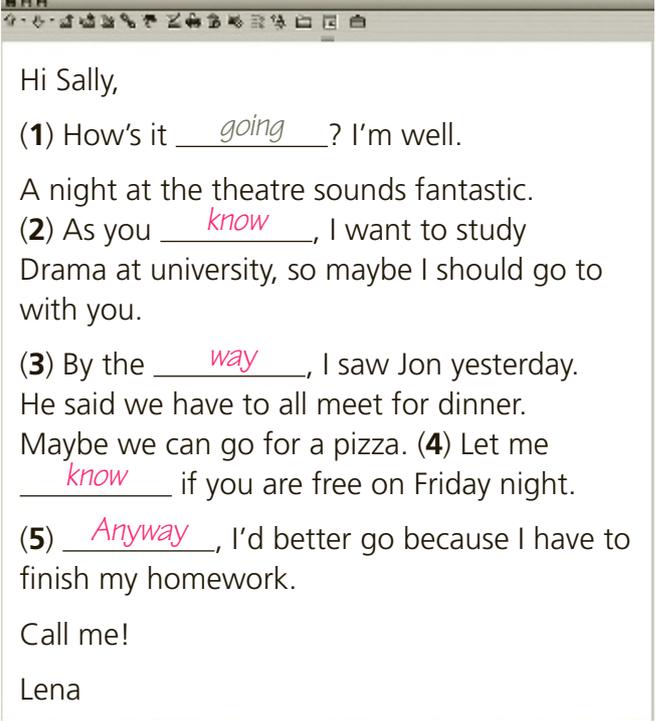
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- 7 whc.unesco.org is such a cool website. ✓

2 Match the parts of the sentence.

- 1 My sister, Jen, was so f
 - 2 Jen's such d
 - 3 Nelson Mandela has done such c
 - 4 Nelson Mandela is so a
 - 5 Angelina Jolie is so e
 - 6 I read such b
- a inspiring.
 - b great reports about her work with internally displaced people.
 - c a great job as a Goodwill Ambassador.
 - d a huge Shakira fan.
 - e popular that the paparazzi follow her everywhere.
 - f happy when Shakira became a Goodwill Ambassador.

Linkers of reason

3 Underline the correct option.

- 1 World Heritage Sites are very important. That's why / Because we should protect them.
- 2 I've contacted UNESCO because of / because I want to volunteer with them.
- 3 Our History teacher said it's a great experience. Because of / That's why I decided to do it.
- 4 We're hoping to travel to the Galapagos Islands because / that's why we'd like to see the unique species of animals there.
- 5 It's a World Heritage Site because / because of its natural beauty and animal life.
- 6 The islands aren't easy to travel to because / because of their location.

Time connectors

4 Complete the sentences. Use *as*, *as soon as* and *by the time*.

- (1) As we were having breakfast, we heard the news about Shakira being in town.
- (2) As soon as I told my sister, she ran out of the house.
- (3) By the time we arrived at the United Nations building, the street was full of Shakira fans. I went to buy some water.
- (4) As I was drinking my water, a woman said, 'Excuse me. I'm very thirsty. Can I have some of your water, please?' I turned around and got a shock.
- (5) As soon as I realised it was Shakira, I asked her for her autograph. I called my sister, but (6) by the time she arrived, Shakira had gone.