

## OWING TO / DUE TO / BECAUSE OF / THANKS TO

- *Owing to* and *Due to* are slightly formal. They are often used in official notices and public statements:

*Owing to bad weather, this morning's flight will be delayed.*  
*He is retiring due to ill health.*

- They are prepositions, not conjunctions:

*I had to wait hours because the plane was delayed (NOT ~~\*I had to wait hours owing to the plane was delayed~~).*

- In spoken English, it is more usual to use *because of* than *owing to* or *due to*:

*All my clothes got wet because of the storm.*

- *Thanks to* is used to explain why something good has happened:

*Thanks to the success of his first album, he is now a wealthy man.*