because

big elephants can always understand small elephants

The word **because** joins together two independent clauses in a sentence.

The rat ate all the cheese   and   It was really hungry.

The rat ate the cheese **because** it was really hungry.

Using **because** lets you <u>explain</u> or <u>give a reason</u> for something.

The dog ran away from the cow **because** the cow had big, scary horns.