



For this lesson, you will need:

- ▶ Pen/pencil
- ▶ Review writing template or write directly into your home learning books.
- ▶ Cause and effect conjunctions support sheet.

LO: To be able to use cause and effect conjunctions in my writing.

- ▶ I can identify cause and effect conjunctions.
- ▶ I understand how cause and effect conjunctions work in a sentence.
- ▶ I can use cause and effect conjunctions in my writing.

What has happened so far?

- ▶ Beowulf defeated Grendel by pulling off his arm. The Danes celebrated this victory.
- ▶ The night they celebrated, Grendel's mother came to Heorot and took the King's closest friend Ashhere and Grendel's arm. She then ran back to her lair.
- ▶ The next morning, Beowulf came to the distressed King where he promised he would go and find her and kill Grendel's mother.
- ▶ The warriors journeyed to the lair and Beowulf had to fight off a sea serpent before diving into the depths to kill the Sea-Hag.

for him. Ready in ambush she sprang on him, fastening him at once with her hellish hooks. But although he was caught, Beowulf was so far unharmed, for her clenched claws could not pierce the mail-shirt and draw blood.

Pinioned and helpless in her grasp, the sea-hag dragged the prince to her cavernous lair. Try as he did Beowulf could not even draw his sword to defend himself against this water-wolf, nor against the onslaught of twisting sea-monsters now slashing at him with their tearing tusks that threatened to rip away his life-saving battle-coat. Still held fast in her deadly embrace Beowulf found himself hauled to the surface in a vaulted cavern lit all about with fires of hell it seemed, but at least he could breathe again, and was free of the pressing weight of water. At least now he would not simply be swept away and

drowned. Then he looked up and saw the monstrous size of this hideous sea-hag – he had felt her strength already.

Undaunted, he saw his chance. He broke free of her, tore himself away, drew Hrunting, circled it high above him and brought it screaming down on her head, sure it must be her death stroke. But Hrunting, that battle-hardened, all powerful sword that had sliced so easily through helmet and mail, could not bite this monster's hoary hide, but simply bounced off, leaving her flesh unharmed, unscathed, unmarked even. Never before had Hrunting failed a warrior in a fight as it had now.

But Beowulf, intent on victory, was not in the least downhearted. Rather his courage was renewed, his ferocity sharpened. Seeing its blade-edge would be useless, the hero flung Hrunting aside and trusted

What do you picture a water-wolf to be?

What do you think would have happened if the Sea-Hag continued to fight Beowulf in the water rather than the cavern?

now, as he had before, to his own strength, to the God-given power in his hands. Now was not the moment to think of saving his life. Now would be his time of testing, his achieving of everlasting glory.

Anger steeled his strength, fury fired his determination, stirred him to action. Beowulf hurled himself at Grendel's mother, grabbed her by the shoulder and threw her bodily to the ground. But in a moment she repaid him fully, grasping him with her horrible hand-hooks, so that he stumbled and fell, too weary now to save himself. At once she was astride him. He was at her mercy. She snatched up her dagger. Now she would avenge her boy, her only son. With a scream of triumph she struck, but the mail-shirt shielded him from the sharp-edged blade, from the deadly point. Again and again she stabbed and slashed, but Beowulf's



Could this be the end of Beowulf?

blessed battle-shirt did not fail him. Without it the Geat hero would certainly have been slaughtered there and then. But God, looking down, saved him, gave him the victory.

Summoning the last of his strength, Beowulf threw her off and leapt to his feet, and there above him on the wall he saw hanging an ancient war-trophy, a giant sword, so huge, so heavy that only a giant could wield it in battle-play. But this death-defying champion, this Geatish hero, was boiling with war-fury. Like this, he was as strong as any giant, and he knew it. He sprung to the wall, caught up the sword by its hilt, and whirling it once above his head, the blade singing out its death-song, he brought it down on her neck, in one blow cutting clear through bone and flesh.

Her death-agony was swift, and when it was done she lay at his feet stilled by



death, Beowulf's giant sword hot with her fiendish blood. It was over, it was done. The monster-mother was united in death at last with her monster son.

Looking about him now in that hell-hole, Beowulf saw scattered there the wretched remains of Hrothgar's

brave hearth-companions, those that Grendel had murdered as they slept in Heorot hall. He saw too where Grendel himself lay, stiff in death, his lifeblood long ago drained from him. There was one more task for this giant sword. Beowulf, the fiercest of champions, finished the task and severed Grendel's hideous head with a single swipe.

'the blade singing out its death-song' What does this mean?

Way up above, in the light of day, Hrothgar and his thanes, hearts heavy with anxiety, watched and waited by the pool. Fearful too were the Geatish warriors for their prince, especially when they saw blood bubbling up from the depths, marbling the surface of the water. Many long hours had passed now since Beowulf dived down into the deep, and most now believed that the famous hero could not this time be triumphant, but that the she-wolf, that devilish sea-hag, had at last done him to death.

As dusk came down over that dreary place, Hrothgar and his thanes turned sadly for home and hearth, all hope now abandoned. But the Geats stayed, stunned with grief, hoping against hope to see once more their beloved leader; but they knew well enough now that they would not.

Down below in the ogres' lair Beowulf

looked about him in wonder at the heaped hoard of treasures, blood-booty of that damned pair. Much good it was to them now. The Geat hero took none of these treasures when he left, only the head of Grendel; Hrunting, the sword that had failed him; and the hilt of the giant sword that had done the she-wolf to death. Only the hilt remained of this deadly war-weapon – the engraved blade itself had simply been melted away by the hot blood of the doomed fiend that lay headless there.

So Beowulf, that sainted survivor, plunged once more into the deep and with powerful strokes swam upwards through the water, unhindered now by sea-serpents and writhing monsters of the deep, for the pool was now cleansed of these vile creatures, gone where all evil goes, where Grendel and his mother had gone, down

Why do you think the author called Beowulf a 'sainted survivor'?

In your grammar lesson, you were learning about cause and effect conjunctions.

How can we use them in our writing?

as a result of	seeing that	this led to
because	since	hence
because of	so	this causes
consequently	thanks to	in order to/ that
due to	the reason	resulting in
due to the fact	therefore	thereby
on account of	whereas	similarly
thus	which means	for this reason
resulting in	as a consequence of	otherwise

Let's have a look at some cause and effect conjunctions in sentences.

Cause
Effect
Conjunction

The wicked Sea-Hag laughed when Beowulf tried to kill her with his sword. **Seeing that**, he searched the cavern for inspiration of how to kill the beast.

Due to the fact that Grendel's skin was too strong for his mere sword, Beowulf looked at the giant sword with curiosity.

The mighty, oversized sword penetrated the Sea-Hag's skin with ease, **therefore** it was an enchanted sword.

Activity

Today you are going to write a review of how well you think Beowulf's battle was between him and the Sea-Hag.

Give Beowulf a rating out of 10 stars and explain why you have given him this rating.

Make sure you use cause and effect conjunctions.

Model write



as a result of because because of consequently due to due to the fact on account of thus resulting in	seeing that since so thanks to the reason therefore whereas which means as a consequence of	this led to hence this causes in order to/ that resulting in thereby similarly for this reason otherwise
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Beowulf's Latest Battle Review

Colour in the stars to give him a rating out of 10.



Write an account of what happened in the battle explaining why you have given Beowulf his star rating. Make sure you use cause and effect conjunctions in your writing.
