

Cause and Effect Conjunctions

We're always trying to give more information in our writing. Giving a reason why something is happening can be a good way to add a little extra to your sentences.



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Please read through today's slides for this lesson. Feel free to watch [this video](#) to help for visual learning.

Don't forget to practice using cause and effect in sentences on the last slide!

Coordinating and subordinating conjunctions

We all know about FANBOYS and I SAW A WABUB. We use them often in our sentences without even realising it.

Two of those conjunctions can be used to give a reason.

Because

I hurt my arm because I fell off the swing.

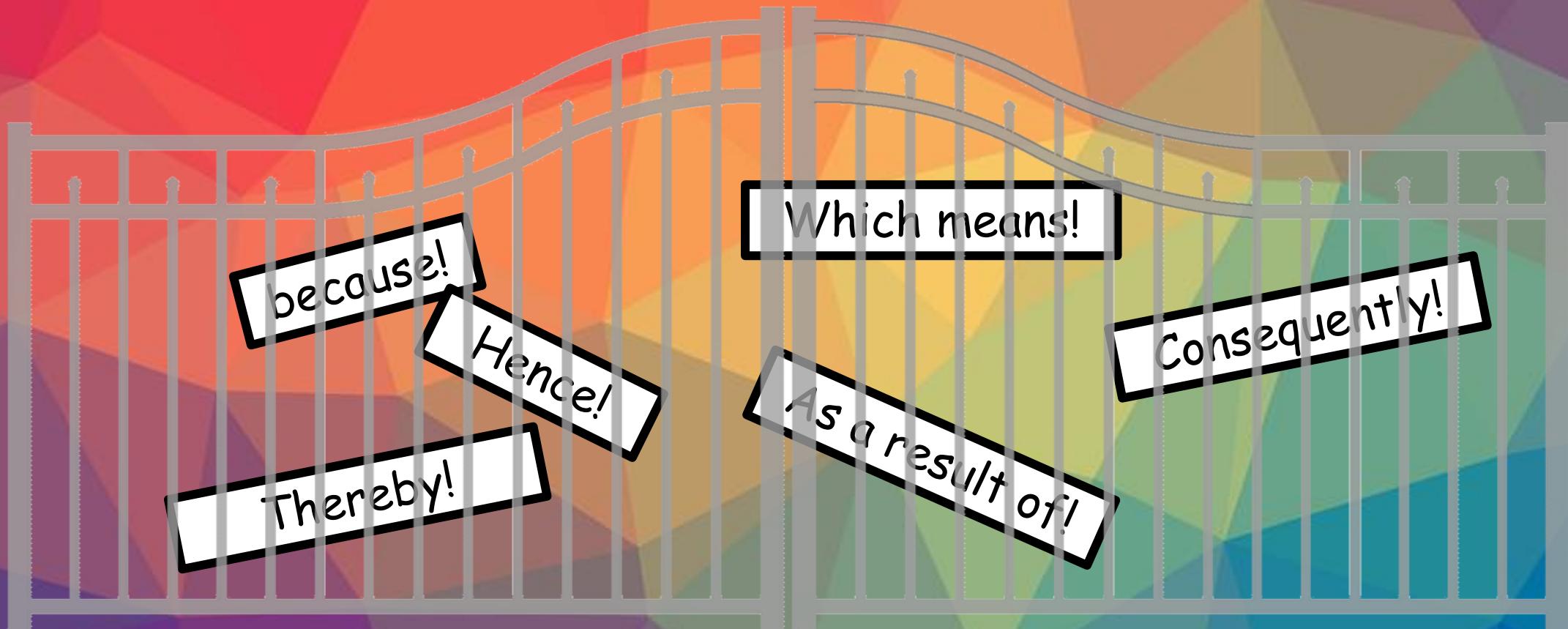
So

I finished eating dinner so I was allowed to have ice-cream!

This is where 'cause and effect' ties in...

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Cause and effect conjunctions are the gateway to giving reasons. They are used to explain how things work or why something happens.



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The two parts of the sentence are joined together by the conjunction.

Cause = an event or reason that makes something happen.

The playground was slippery at school.

Effect = the result of that cause. It shows what happens because of the cause.

It had snowed on Sunday.

Cause and effect with a conjunction = explains what happens and why it happens.

The playground was slippery at school **because** it had snowed on Sunday.

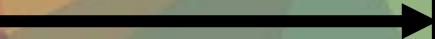
How do we use them?

Cause and effect conjunctions can be used at the beginning of a sentence to talk about the sentence before.

They can also be used in the middle of a sentence to join two independent clauses (sentences) together.

Most importantly to remember is that they can be used either way around. Cause and effect or effect and cause.

She was very tired
as a result of
working late.



As a result of
working late, she
was very tired.

These are some examples of cause and effect conjunctions.
Have a look through them and see if you can remember using any in your work before.

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

Give it a go!

Have a look at these examples and, in your head or share out loud, see what conjunctions you think would fit in the sentence best.

because
hence

so
therefore

since
as

consequently
as a result

even though
now that

1. My sister always takes a long time in the bath _____ she could avoid helping with the washing up.
2. _____ I am nine, I am allowed to stay up until 8:30 p.m.
3. My rabbit keeps on getting out of her _____ hutch it has a hole in the bottom.
4. _____ of hours of practice, I was awarded a merit in my piano exam.
5. Our teacher is retiring soon. _____, we will have a different teacher next year.