

# 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...

# Cause and Effect Conjunctions

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

because!

Hence!

Thereby!

Which means!

As a result of!

Consequently!

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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.