

CAUSE AND EFFECT

➤ Cause

When you want to explain **why something happens**, you can use a **clause of reason** introduced by a conjunction: **because, as since ...**

STRUCTURE	EXAMPLE
Because+ sentence	I couldn't go then <u>because</u> I had to study.
Since + sentence	<u>Since</u> there wasn't enough snow, they didn't go skiing.
As + sentence	<u>As</u> I am very busy studying for my exams, I won't go with you
" For " + gerund (V-ing)	They put him in prison <u>for</u> stealing cars.
Because of + noun / pronoun	We couldn't go <u>because of</u> the storm.
Due to + noun /pronoun	<u>Due to</u> his bad attitude, he lost his job.
Owing to + noun / pronoun	<u>Owing to</u> the snow, the planes couldn't take off.
On account of + noun /pronoun	<u>On account of</u> the weather, we didn't go for a walk.
Out of	He gave him his jacket <u>out of</u> pity.
Seeing that + sentence	<u>Seeing that</u> you aren't interested, I'll do it by myself.
Thanks to + noun	<u>Thanks to</u> his hard work, he passed the exam
For fear of + noun / gerund / pronoun	He left an hour early <u>for fear of</u> missing his train.
The cause of ...is...	<u>The cause</u> of global warming <u>is</u> pollution
...is caused by / is due to ...	Global warming <u>is caused by</u> pollution / or Global warming <u>is due to</u> pollution

➤ **Effect:**

When you want to **indicate the result of an action or situation**, you can use a clause of result introduced by **so, and so, as a result, consequently, for this / that reason, thus, therefore...**

STRUCTURE	EXAMPLE
So + adjective/adverb + that	We were <u>so</u> impatient <u>that</u> we couldn't wait for them.
Such + (adjective) + noun + that	They had <u>such</u> a big dog <u>that</u> nobody dared to go near their house.
SO MANY + plural countable noun + THAT	There were <u>so many</u> cars <u>that</u> I lost count
SO MUCH + (singular) uncountable noun + THAT	There is <u>so much</u> noise <u>that</u> I can't hear what he is saying.
So	The party was boring, <u>so</u> I left early.
As a result or As a consequence of + noun phrase	<u>As a result of</u> the war, the prices of oil and bread went up enormously.
Therefore	They saved the prize money from the lottery. <u>Therefore</u> , they were rich.
For this reason or For that reason	I haven't eaten in 2 days. <u>For this reason</u> , I'm hungry.
That's why	I've been ill. <u>That's why</u> , I didn't call.
Consequently	Many of the university subjects available are not taught at high schools; <u>consequently</u> , they may be unfamiliar.
Thus	The customer was displeased with her meal, <u>thus</u> the chef prepared a replacement.
Hence	The roads were covered in ice, <u>hence</u> it was not safe to drive.

Exercise: combine the pair of sentences below into one sentence, using appropriate cause or effect linker.

1. Janice got home late. She missed her TV program.
2. He woke up late, Alvin missed the car.
3. Your headaches are stress.
4. John didn't want his wife to walk to work. he bought a second car
5. I phoned the doctor last night. the baby's high fever.
6. Peter stole the old woman's bag. the judge will condemn him.
7. I haven't heard from him for a long time. I'll call him tonight.
8. He wasa good pianist that everybody thought he was a professional. In fact, he wasn't!
9. She didn't do what she had promised,....., she disappointed everyone around her.
10. Rural-urban migration is increasing..... job opportunities are scarce in rural areas.
11. My friend prepared well for his exams last year..... he got an excellent mark in his final exam.
12. Tom and his wife needed a lot of money to buy a new car.they decided to get an extra job.
13. Mr. Link is a very creative teacher..... students enjoy his classes.
14. People went on a big demonstration.... the government did not respond to their requests.
15. She was very late for work last week.... her boss fired her instantly.

ANSWER KEY

1. Janice got home late. **That's why**, she missed her TV program.
2. **As** he woke up late, Alvin missed the car.
3. Your headaches are **due to** stress.
4. John didn't want his wife to walk to work, **so** he bought a second car
5. I phoned the doctor last night **because** of the baby's high fever.
6. Peter stole the old woman's bag. **Thus**, The judge will condemn him.
7. **Since** I haven't heard from him for a long time, I'll call him tonight.
8. He was **such** a good pianist **that** everybody thought he was a professional. In fact, he wasn't !
9. She didn't do what she had promised; **as a consequence**, she disappointed everyone around her.
10. Rural urban immigration is increasing **because** job opportunities are scarce in rural areas
11. My friend prepared well for his exams last year. **As a result**, he got an excellent mark in his final exam.
12. Tom and his wife needed a lot of money to buy a new car. **Therefore**, they decided to get an extra job.
13. Mr. Link is a very creative teacher, **hence** students enjoy his classes.
14. People went on a big demonstration **as** the government did not respond to their requests.
15. She was very late for work last week. **Because of this**, her boss fired her instantly.

