



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 ...**

STRUCTURES	EXAMPLES	STRUCTURES	EXAMPLES
Because + sentence	I'm late for work because my alarm clock didn't go off.	Thanks to + noun	He was able to complete the project within the deadline thanks to his hard work and dedication
Since + sentence	Since the store is closed, we'll have to go somewhere else.	The cause of ...is...	The cause of global warming is pollution
As + sentence	As it was raining, we decided to stay indoors.	Seeing that + sentence	Seeing that she had worked hard, he gave her a bonus.
“ For ” + gerund (V-ing)	They put him in prison for selling weapons.	Out of	He gave him his jacket out of pity.
Because of + noun / pronoun	We couldn't go because of the snow.	On account of + noun /pronoun	The flight was cancelled on account of the strike by the airline staff.
Due to + noun /pronoun	Her good grades are due to her hard work.	Owing to + noun / pronoun	The ceremony was postponed owing to the sudden demise of the chief guest.

- **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	STRUCTURES	EXAMPLES
So + adjective/adverb + that	We were <u>so</u> impatient that we couldn't wait for them.	For this reason or For that reason	I haven't eaten all day. For this reason , I'm hungry.
Such + (adjective) + noun + that	They had <u>such</u> a big dog that nobody dared to go near their house.	That's why	I've been ill. That's why I didn't call.
SO MANY + plural countable noun + THAT	There were <u>so many</u> cars that I lost count.	Consequently	The company lost a lot of money last year; consequently , they had to lay off some of their employees.
SO MUCH + (singular) uncountable noun + THAT	There is <u>so much</u> noise that I can't hear what he is saying.	Therefore	The roads were closed due to heavy snowfall; therefore , we had to cancel the trip.
So	I finished my work early, <u>so</u> I decided to go for a walk.	Thus	The team worked hard on their project; thus , they were able to complete it on time.
As a result or As a consequence of + noun phrase	The road was flooded as a result of heavy rainfall.	Hence	The bridge was closed for repairs; hence , we had to take a detour to reach our destination.

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

1. Her computer stopped working a virus.
2. The police arrested him he committed a crime.
3. the lack of customers, the restaurant closed down this week.
4. He passed his first year at university;, his parents bought him a car.
5. she is scared of clowns, she never goes to the circus.
6. Mr. Link is a very creative teacher..... students enjoy his classes
7. She didn't do what she had promised,....., she disappointed everyone around her.
8. She is lazy, she has failed all of her subjects
9. He was a good pianist that everybody thought he was a professional.
In fact, he wasn't !
10. She was very late for work last week., her boss fired her instantly.

Answer Key:

1. Her computer stopped working **due to** a virus.
2. The police arrested him **because** he committed a crime.
3. **Owing to** the lack of customers, the restaurant closed down this week
4. He passed his first year at university; **as a result**, his parents bought him a car.
5. **Since** she is scared of clowns, she never goes to the circus.
6. Mr. Link is a very creative teacher, **hence** students enjoy his classes.
7. She didn't do what she had promised; **as a consequence**, she disappointed everyone around her
8. She is lazy, **therefore** she has failed all of her subjects
9. He was **such** a good pianist **that** everybody thought he was a professional. In fact, he wasn't !
10. She was very late for work last week. **For this reason**, her boss fired her instantly.