**Expressing purpose, reason and result**

**1/ Purpose**

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| To | In order to/in order not to | So as to/ so as not to | For (someone) not to | So that |

**Examples:**

- We had a meeting today **so as to** discuss next year's programme.

- He did all he could **for her not to** worry.

- I moved to France **so that** I would improve my French.

**Note:** (*So that is generally followed by a model)*

- Everyone did their best **in order to** finish the work.

**Note:** *( in order to is used to express purpose in the affirmative form)*

- They woke up early **in order not to** be late.

- She exercises regularly **so as not to** e fat.

**Note:** *( so as not to and in order not to are used to express purpose in the negative form)*

**2/ Reason**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| As/since | Because of | Owing to/ on account of | Out of | That's why/ that's the reason why | For fear of | For+V-ing | Seeing that |

**Examples:**

- **Since** you don't believe me, I won't give evidence.

- **Because of** his lack of training he had difficulties finding a job.

- He gave him his jacket **out of** pity.

- **on account of** the weather we didn't go for a walk.

- Billy was punished **for lying** to his teacher.

- **Owing to** the snow, the planes couldn't take off.

- **As** you are a foreigner you can't express your opinions on the situation in the area.

- **Seeing that** you aren't interested i'll do it by myself.

**3/ Result**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| As a result | As a consequence | consequently | If...then | It implies | It means | There fore |

**Examples:**

- He missed the early train, **s a result** he was too late for the job interview.

- The result of his trial, **therefore,** could hardly have been other than a foregone conclusion.

- **If** he locked the door, **then** Kitty is trapped inside.

**Exercise:**  Choose the correct expression of purpose.

1/ Concentrate on your exercise ............................................... to make any mistake.

2/ You have to register ................................. participate in the forum.

3/ She left work early .......................... be at home when he arrives.

4/ She works hard .................................... she can earn a living.

**Expressing Cause and Effect**

When we talk about a situation that makes another situation happen, we talk about **cause and effect.**

In English we use certain expressions such as **because, due to, since,** and **as** to talk about cause and effect.

To begin, you should know the definitions of **cause, effect** (noun), and **affect** (verb).

When effect is a verb, it is spelled with an **a= affect.**

**1/ Cause**

***(noun)*** a person or thing that makes something happen.

- The **cause** of the accident was a flat tire.

***(verb)*** an action that makes something happen.

- The flat tire **caused** the car to wreck.

**2/ Effect**

***(noun)***  a change that is a result of an action or cause.

- The snowstorm had an **effect** on his mood.

**3/ Affect**

When **effect** is used as a *verb,* it is usually spelled with an **a= affect.**

***(verb)***to produce an effect; to cause a change in something.

- The snow storm **affected** s mood.

**Talking about causes and effects in English**

To express **cause and effect** in English we use certain words and phrases ( due to, because of, owing to, thanks to, as a consequence of, as a result of, because, since, as for)

To express cause and effect, these words or phrases will be either followed by a *noun* or a *verb.*

**A/ Followed by a noun**

These **cause /effect phrases** are followed by a *noun* or *noun phrase*( due to, because of, owing to, as a consequence of, as result of, thanks to.

In the following examples, the *noun* r *noun phrase* will be underlined.

The **cause** always comes after the **cause/effect** **signal word or phrase**.

**Signal word/phrase+ cause, + effect**

or  **Effect+ signal word/phrase + cause**

**Examples:**

1/ As a result of the rain, we canceled the picnic.

- Signal phrase: **as a result of**

- Cause: **the rain**

- Effect: **we cancelled the picnic**

2/He failed the test because of his bad study habits.

- Signal phrase: **because of**

- Cause: **his bad study habits**

- Effect: **he failed the test**

**B/ Followed by a verb**

These **cause/effect** signal words are followed by a **subject+ verb** or **verb phrase** ( because, since, as, for).

In these examples, the **subject+ verb or verb phrase** is underlined.

The **cause** comes after the **cause/effect signal word or phrase.**

**Signal word/phrase + cause, + effect**

or **Effect + signal word/phrase+ cause**

**Examples:**

1/ As he arrived late to work, he will be fired.

- Signal word: **as**

- Cause: **he arrived late**

- Effect: **he will be fired**

2/ David could not attend for he was ill.

- Signal word: **for**

- Cause: **David was ill**

- Effect: **David could not attend**

**Exercises:**

**(a) Underline the cause and highlight its effect in each of the following sentences.**

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. Since she is scared of clowns, she never goes to the circus.

5. He passed his first year at university; as a result, his parents bought him a car.

**(b) Read through the following passage, underlining causes and highlighting effects.**

I woke up late this morning **because** my alarm clock did not ring. **As a result**, I had to rush to get ready for school and I made a huge mess all over the house. I missed the bus **because** I had to go back home to fetch my cell phone. **Consequently**, I was late for school, and my lecturer was not pleased with me at all. **Due to the fact that** my day had been going so badly, I was in a bad mood and I shouted at my friends. **Since** I was in such a bad mood, they didn’t want to hang out with me and they left. After they left, my day only got worse. **In view of** all that happened today, I’ve decided that I need two alarm clocks instead of one, to make sure I wake up on time in the mornings.

**Now, tabulate your causes and the related effects using a table similar to the one**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Cause** | **Effect** |
| My alarm clock did not ring | I woke up late. |
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