

Lecture : expressing cause and effect

❖ In this lesson , we're going to learn the meaning of both cause and effect and what are the connective words needed to express them.

- ✓ **A Cause** : is the event that happens first, is something that makes something else happen (the reason).
- ✓ **An effect** : is what happens as a result of the cause (the result).

➤ There is also what we call **cause and effect relationship** that means that whenever there is a **cause**, there is an also an **effect**, and whenever there is an **effect** , there is also a **cause**.

❖ To determine the cause , you must ask the question : « why did it happen ? ».

❖ To determine the effect you must ask the question : « what happened ? »

- To express cause and effect in english , we use connector words or phrases such as : **due to, because of, owing to, thanks to, as a consequence of, as a result of, because, since, as, for** and they will either be followed by a **noun** or a **verb**

Those followed by a noun are :	Those followed by a verb are :
Due to	because
because of	since
Owing to	as
As a consequence of	for
As a result of	
Thanks to	

- The structure of the cause/effect followed by a noun or noun phrase :

- ✓ Connector word or phrase + cause + effect.
- ✓ Effect + connector word/ phrase + cause

- Example :

➤ Due to sam laziness, he did not pass the english test.

- Connector word : due to
- Cause : sam laziness
- Effect : he did not pass the english test

➤ The structure of the cause/effect followed by a subject+ verb or verb phrase :

- ✓ Connector word/ phrase + cause + effect
- ✓ Effect+ connector word/phrase + cause

Example:

Because sam was lazy, he didn't pass the english exam.

Connector word : because

Cause : sam was lazy

Effect : he didn't pass the english exam.

Note that : the cause might be written in the second part of the sentence, even though always happens first.

Exercise 01 : Read the sentences below and pick up the cause and the effect :

1. Sarah was very sad, and began to cry.

Cause :

Effect

2. The students listened in class so they got a treat.

Cause :

Effect :

3. The mailman was at the door and the dogs barked.

Cause :

Effect :

4. It was sam's birthday so he got a cake.

Cause :

Effect :

5. Mary missed her bus and was late for school.

Cause :

Effect :

Exercise 02 : write an essay in which you discuss a topic of your choice. Using cause and effect expressions.