

# Help Centres – English Support



## The Language of Cause and Effect

<b>CAUSE → EFFECT</b>	<b>EFFECT → CAUSE</b>
<p>Smoking <b>causes</b> <i>lung cancer</i>  <b>leads to</b>  <b>results in</b>  <b>affects</b>  <b>gives rise to</b></p>	<p><i>Air pollution is caused by vehicles</i>  <b>is the effect of</b>  <b>is a consequence of</b>  <b>is the result of</b>  <b>is due to</b></p>
<p><u><b>Signal Words That Introduce Effects</b></u></p> <p><b>Therefore</b>  <b>So</b>  <b>As a result</b></p> <p>[ C-clause _____ E-clause]</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was raining; <b>therefore, I took an umbrella.</b></li> <li>2. I was cold, <b>so I put on a sweater.</b></li> <li>3. My English test was difficult. <b>As a result, I did not pass.</b></li> </ol>	<p><u><b>Signal Words That Introduce Causes</b></u></p> <p><b>Because</b>  <b>Since</b>  <b>As</b>  <b>As long as</b></p> <p>[ E-clause _____ C-clause]</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I took an umbrella <b>because it was raining.</b></li> <li>2. I put on a sweater <b>since I was cold.</b></li> <li>3. I did not pass <b>as my English test was difficult.</b></li> <li>4. I am happy <b>as long as you don't sing.</b></li> </ol>

**Let's practice:** Choose a signal word and determine which is the Cause and Effect in each sentence.

**A)**

1. Lightning \_\_\_\_\_ forest fires.
2. Air pollution \_\_\_\_\_ forest fires.
3. Drinking too much coffee \_\_\_\_\_ headaches.
4. Headaches \_\_\_\_\_ drinking to much coffee.

**B)** Match the causes with the effects

**Effects**

- \_\_\_\_ 1. I bought a new car.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. We turned on the heat.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. She exercises every day.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. I take the bus to work.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Every year he books a vacation.
- \_\_\_\_ 6. I don't like going to parties.

**Causes**

- A. I am very shy.
- B. John loves to travel.
- C. My old car stopped working.
- D. It was freezing outside.
- E. She takes care of her health.
- F. I don't like driving.

**C)** Join the cause and effect sentences to make new sentences using signal words from above.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_