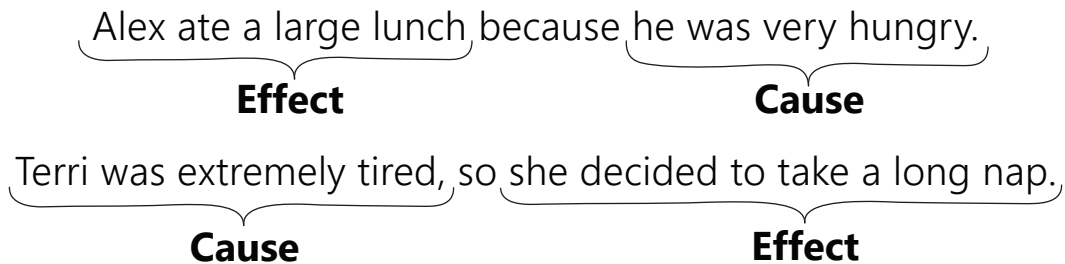


# CAUSE AND EFFECT

A cause-and-effect relationship is one where Event B happens because Event A happened. Event A is the **cause** and Event B is the **effect**.



As you can see, the cause will sometimes appear before the effect in the sentence and other times appear after it. In either case, there are several words and phrases that often indicate a cause-and-effect relationship:

## Cause

- If
- Because
- Since
- Due to
- Caused

## Effect

- Then
- Consequently
- As a result
- For this reason
- So

These “keywords” almost always appear at the beginning of the cause or effect phrase they indicate. In the first example sentence above, the keyword *because* comes before the cause in the sentence. In the second sentence, the keyword *so* comes before the effect in the sentence.

## EXAMPLES:

**Due to** the weather, we will not be meeting outside this afternoon.

Sam is not feeling well. **As a result**, he will not be attending school today.

**Because** he has longer legs, Jack walks faster than Marcus.

**Since** Rachel brushes her teeth every day, she does not have cavities.

Sarah does not have a car. **Consequently**, she rides her bike to school.

