

## 1.10 CAUSE & EFFECT EXPRESSIONS

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Key Words for Cause and Effect

**Cause Words:** *Because, because of, since, due to, as, for*

**Effect Words:** *So, therefore, as a result, thus, consequently*

Expressions of Cause

### 1. **Because**

- Example: *I stayed home because it was raining.*

### 2. **Because of**

- Example: *We canceled the picnic because of the rain.*

### 3. **Since**

- Example: *Since you're here, we can start the meeting.*

#### 4. **Due to**

- Example: *The flight was delayed due to bad weather.*

#### 5. **As**

- Example: *As it was raining, we stayed indoors.*

Expressions of Effect

#### **So**

Example: *She was tired, so she went to bed early.*

#### **Therefore**

Example: *It was raining; therefore, the match was postponed.*

#### **Thus**

Example: *The team worked hard; thus, they won the championship.*

#### **Consequently**

Example: *He didn't study; consequently, he failed the test.*

#### **As a result**

Example: *She missed the bus; as a result, she was late to work.*

Cause and Effect in Formal Writing

#### **Formal Phrases:**

*Due to the fact that*

*Owing to*

*As a consequence of*

*For this reason*

Example: *The project was delayed due to the fact that the resources were unavailable.*

Practice with Cause and Effect Expressions

Fill in the blanks with the correct cause and effect expression:

*She was hungry, \_\_\_ she ate a sandwich.*

*The concert was canceled \_\_\_ the weather.*

*\_\_\_ he studied hard, he passed the exam.*

*They were tired, \_\_\_ they went home early.*