

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Cause and effect is the combination of action and reaction, where one is the result of the other.

Cause:

Effect

Smoking cigarettes	====> Lung cancer
Absence of the best players	====> Game loss
Late for a job interview	====> Lose the job
Sleep early	====> wake up early

The cause can be a person, object, situation, or event that can result in something, while an effect is the result of the actions of the person or the outcome of some chain of events that have happened.

We use linking words to connect both sentences and show their relationship of cause and effect such as:

For cause: because, for, since, as, due to, owing to...

For effect: therefore, consequently, as a result, so...

Notes:

‘Because’ usually follows the main clause. ‘As’ and ‘since’ are very similar. ‘As’ is less formal than ‘since’. They are used when the reason is known.

“Therefore” used mainly in formal situation. When you start a sentence with these (as a result, therefore) words, you need to put a comma after them.

Examples:

It was raining, so we stayed home.

I helped her because she needed me.

Since he had not paid the rent, he was told to vacate the apartment.

Jack did not respect the confinement measures. Therefore, he is isolated for 14 days.