

## Cause and Effect: Write Sentences 1

### Cause

...is **why** something happens.

...happens **first** (but not always in the text).

...answers the question '**why did this happen**'.

### Effect

...is **what** happens.

...happens last (but not always in the text).

...answers the question '**what happened**'.

The following signal words can be used to help identify and explain cause and effect relationships.

so	therefore	if	for this reason	since	this leads to
thus	due to	because	as a result	consequently	then

Write a sentence for each to show the cause/effect relationship. Use signal words to help you.

1) **Cause:** The ball was flat.

**Effect:** Tim got a pump.

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2) **Cause:** Paula ate too much.

**Effect:** She had a sore stomach.

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3) **Cause:** Someone knocked on the door.

**Effect:** The dog barked.

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4) **Cause:** Sarah saw her friend.

**Effect:** She smiled.

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