

Cause and Effect: Write Sentences 2

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:** It was a sunny day.

Effect: They went to the beach.

2) **Cause:** Scott left home late.

Effect: He was late to school.

3) **Cause:** It began to spit.

Effect: People took out their umbrellas.

4) **Cause:** It was late.

Effect: Sam yawned.
