**Discourse Markers: Cause and Effect**

**Cause and Effect markers** are used to indicate that something is caused by, or logically follows, something else.

**General Use**: *Ex.* ***so, then*** *(“then” is often used in response to what someone else says)*

*I have a meeting tonight,* ***so*** *I won’t be home for dinner.*

*A: I don’t have time to go to the store tonight.*

*B:* ***Then*** *I will pick up the groceries.*

**Mainly Formal Use**: *Ex.* ***consequently, therefore, hence, thus***

*The president is staying in this hotel.* ***Therefore*** *the security is very heavy.*

**Mainly Spoken Use**: *Ex.* ***as a result, in that case***

*I missed my flight.* ***As a result****, I have to stay in Chicago tonight.*

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| *Show a logical relationship between the two sentences using CAUSE and EFFECT MARKERS. The sentences can be combined into one, or remain as two. Use a variety of markers.*  |

# 1. The economy is not very good now. Many people are unemployed.

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# 2. Many students were absent because of a bad flu virus. The teacher cancelled the class.

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# 3. The traffic was terrible tonight after work. I got home late.

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4. A: I feel really sick today.

 B: You shouldn’t go to the party tonight.

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5. Angela wants to be a dentist. She decided to study biology and chemistry in university.

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6. We got 30 cm of snow last night. Many people couldn’t drive to work this morning.

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