

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.*

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.

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

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

4. A: I feel really sick today.

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

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

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