



Causal Conjunctions and Adverbials

What Do You Notice about the Highlighted Words?

I am usually late **because** I often forget to set my alarm.

My sister loves animals, **so** we went on a trip to the zoo for her birthday.

As a result of practising hard, I came first in the gymnastics competition.



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They are all **causal conjunctions**, which are used to explain how things work or why something happens.

They can be:

- subordinating conjunctions, e.g. **because**;
- co-ordinating conjunctions, e.g. **so**;
- causal adverbials, e.g. **as a result**.



Sort the Causal Conjunctions

Sort the causal conjunctions into the correct category below:

Subordinating
conjunctions

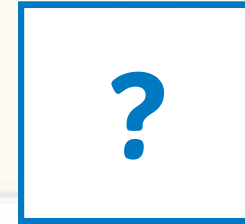
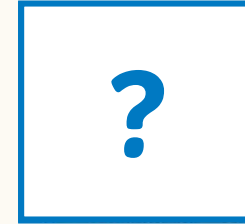
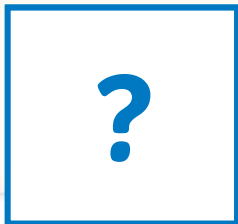
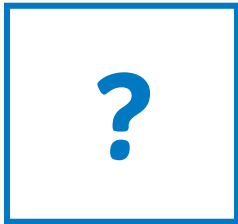
Coordinating
conjunctions

Adverbials

as a result therefore yet as accordingly consequently
because hence so even though since now that

Spin the Wheel

Click on the wheel to spin it to choose a causal conjunction to use within a sentence or sentences about the picture you reveal below:



When Are Causal Conjunctions Used?

Causal conjunctions are used:

- **to link independent clauses in the middle of sentences**
e.g. I dislike dogs, **so** I don't enjoy visiting my uncle who has four huskies.
- **to link independent clauses at the beginning of a sentence**
e.g. **Because** I had forgotten my lunch, the school cook let me have a hot dinner.
- **at the beginning of a sentence to refer to the sentence before**
e.g. I lost my homework on the way to school. **Therefore**, I will have to stay in to complete it at lunchtime.
- **to add cohesion within paragraphs**
e.g. Many schools have a rule that children wear uniform, which most parents and children are happy with. Wearing a school uniform means that pupils all look the same and nobody feels different. **Accordingly**, most pupils attend school looking smart and feeling proud to be part of their school.

Your Turn

Now have a go at the **Causal Conjunctions and Adverbials Differentiated Activity Sheets**.

Causal Conjunctions and Adverbials

Complete causal conjunctions to complete these sentences.

Conjunction	Adverbial	Use
so	even though	to show contrast
since	therefore	to show cause and effect

- My NCTA always (join) long (be) in the bath. _____ so (join) to (join) helping with the washing up.
- _____ I am sick, I can still go to my usual 11:50 pm.
- _____ I passed my work easily, I was chosen to be Mr. King's assistant.
- _____ I had a job, we still had to follow safety procedures.
- My sister began competing in the trials _____ if she had to (be) better.
- _____ I was in a hurry, I was able to reach the station on time.
- As much as I love my job, _____ we will have a different manager for a few weeks.
- It was so hot _____ I was late in the afternoon.

Causal Conjunctions and Adverbials

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- _____ he had to be out when it started raining, he had to wear a coat and hat.
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Complete these sentences using causal conjunctions.

- I wanted to go to school without a coat this morning _____, I am now soaked following the heavy rain.
- _____ the rain was so heavy, they were not allowed to play football during the game.
- Some were behaving inappropriately during the match _____ the coach was so strict in the behaviour of his players.
- We had to search for the coach in the car _____ the police were still during the thunderstorm last night.
- _____ the heavy rain was so heavy, they were not allowed to play football during the game.
- _____ I was in the club, I will be able to help you with your homework and assignments.
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- The police were not playing _____ I was able to play my game.
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Is It a Causal Conjunction?

Read each sentence to decide whether the highlighted words are causal conjunctions or not.

1. **Even though** it was a warm, sunny day, my mum said we could not fill the paddling pool.



2. My little sister always follows me around, **which** really annoys me.



3. **Since** we visited the Roman ruins, I have been reading history books to find out more information.



Reveal

