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

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- 2. _____ I am nine, I am allowed to stay up until 8:30 p.m.
- 3. _____ I completed my work early, I was chosen to be Mr Knight's special helper.
- 4. ______ it is raining, we still have to walk our dogs twice a day.
- 5. My rabbit keeps on getting out of her hutch ______ it has a hole in the bottom.
- 6. ______ of hours of practice, I was awarded a merit in my piano exam.
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- 4. **Even though** it is raining, we still have to walk our dogs twice a day.
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Accept any other correct answers.

Choose a causal conjunction to complete these sentences:

since	even though	as	as a result
SO	yet	therefore	
consequently	accordingly	now that	

- 1. _____ I'd like to be a chef when I'm older, I often help my mum cook the dinner.
- 2. ______ there is a hole in the hutch, my rabbit often escapes.
- 3. I spend two hours practising my trumpet every evening. ______, I am improving rapidly.
- 4. _____ I'd rather be playing, I have to help load the dishwasher every evening after dinner.

5. _____ I am in year 4, my classroom is upstairs.

- 6. William kept misbehaving in class. ______, he had to go to see the headteacher.
- 7. The path was gloomy, ______ I still managed to find my way to the park.
- 8. The rules were not broken. _____, there was no need for the referee to intervene.
- 9. The lights went out during the thunder storm. ______ we had to find the candles in the dark.
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Complete these sentences using causal conjunctions:

- 1. I walked to school without a coat this morning. ______, I am now soaked following the heavy rain.
- 2. ______ the rules were not broken, there was no need for the referee to intervene during the game.
- 3. Samira was behaving inappropriately during the lesson. ______, she was sent to talk to the headteacher at lunchtime.
- 4. We had to search to find the candles in the dark ______ the power was cut during the thunderstorm last night.
- 5. ______ the sheep all escaped from the field through a hole in the fence, the farmer had to send his sheepdog to find them all.
- 6. _____ I am in the Cubs, I will be able to learn how to tie knots, light fires and create warm, safe shelters.
- _____ my mum warned me not to, I still put my tablet on after lights out. _
 _____, I am now grounded.
- 8. The path was dark and gloomy, ______ I still managed to find my way home. ______, I was only slightly later than I should have been.
- 9. ______ I'd tried my hardest on my homework, Mr Wright awarded me the weekly certificate. ______, I had to go up during the celebration assembly on Friday.
- 10. ______ it is raining, we still have to walk our dogs. ______, I will need a hot chocolate and warm bath later.

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- 9. **Because** I'd tried my hardest on my homework, Mr Wright awarded me the weekly certificate. **Hence**, I had to go up during the celebration assembly on Friday.
- 10. **Although** it is raining, we still have to walk our dogs. **Consequently**, I will need a hot chocolate and warm bath later.

Accept any other correct answers.



What Do	You	Notice	about	the	Highlighted	l Words?
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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.

What Do You Notice about the Highlighted Words?

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
hence because 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. **Consequently**, 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**.

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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.





accordingly	as	as a result	because
by	consequently	due to	for this reason
hence	in consequence	in order to	in this way
otherwise	since	SO	so that
subsequently	therefore	though	thus