



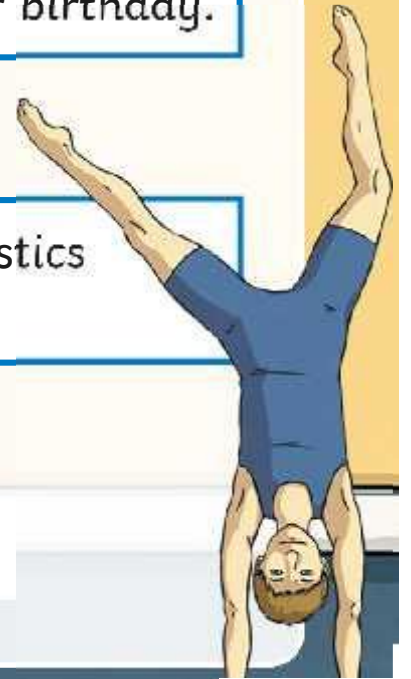
# Causal Conjunctions and Adverbials

## 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.



## 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

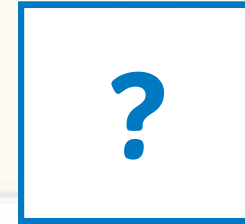
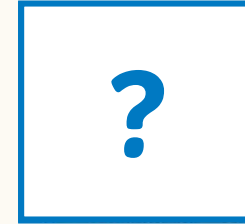
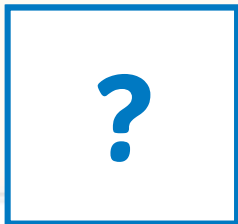
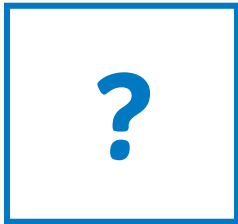
Coordinating  
conjunctions

Adverbials

as a result    therefore    yet    as    accordingly    consequently  
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	contrast
since	therefore	cause and effect

- My NCTA always (join) long (be) in the bath. \_\_\_\_\_ she is into reading before bed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am busy, I still find time to read a couple of books.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I don't know my work daily, I was chosen to be Mr. King's assistant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I had a long day, we still had to finish our report on time.
- My sister has been reading a lot of books \_\_\_\_\_ she has a lot of free time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have a lot of friends, I am not really a social person.
- Our teacher is looking for a book \_\_\_\_\_ we will have a different teacher for a few weeks.
- I was looking for \_\_\_\_\_ I was late for school, but I had to go.

## Causal Conjunctions and Adverbials

Complete causal conjunctions to complete these sentences.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ he had to be out when it started raining, he had to wear a coat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ she is a busy person, she still finds time to read.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I had a long day, we still had to finish our report on time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have a lot of friends, I am not really a social person.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I was looking for a book \_\_\_\_\_ we will have a different teacher for a few weeks.
- I was looking for \_\_\_\_\_ I was late for school, but I had to go.

## Causal Conjunctions and Adverbials

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 rules were not broken, they were not allowed to play during the game.
- Some were behaving inappropriately during the lesson \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher was talking to the headteacher at lunchtime.
- We had to search for (find) the number in the text \_\_\_\_\_ the printer was still during the handwriting task.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I had a long day, we still had to finish our report on time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have a lot of friends, I am not really a social person.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I was looking for a book \_\_\_\_\_ we will have a different teacher for a few weeks.
- I was looking for \_\_\_\_\_ I was late for school, but I had to go.
- The girl was happy and playing \_\_\_\_\_ she managed to get the right answer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I had a long day, we still had to finish our report on time.
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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.



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