

Cause and Effect

A **cause** is the reason something happens. An **effect** happens as a result of the cause. When you are reading, you should pay attention to clue words that help signal cause and effect. Sometimes a cause can have more than one effect!

Clue Words:

- after
- on account of
- as a result of
- leads to
- because
- since
- consequently
- so
- due to
- thanks to
- hence
- then
- if
- therefore
- if . . . then
- when

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Cause-and-Effect Diagram

