

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

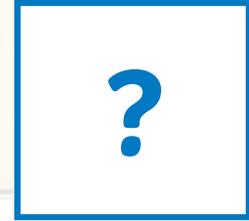
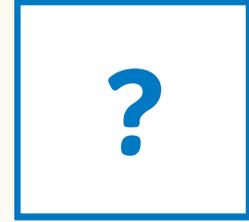
even though

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. **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.

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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