

Scientific research is filled with language describing dependency relationships. Some relationships are causal – one thing causes another. In other relationships, one element may be a contributing factor to another. Here are some common signals of dependency relationships.

causal

X causes ...

X is the cause of ...

X leads to ...

*X is the result/
consequence of ...*

because

because of

dependence

X relies on ...

X depends on ...

X is dependent on ...

reliance on ...

dependence on ...

partial causality or dependence

is a factor

contributes to

has an impact/effect on

influences

affects

promotes

- 7**  **5.4** Listen again. Listen for the dependency signals in bold and complete the information.

- 1 The lecture reports on research about our **increasing reliance** on _____.
- 2 The hippocampus **plays a key role** in _____.
- 3 The landmark strategy **relies on** _____.
- 4 In the response strategy, your knowledge of the route **is the result of** _____.
- 5 In Maguire's first study, MRI images strongly suggest that creating mental maps all the time **had affected** _____.
- 6 In her second study, she was able to prove a **causal relationship** between _____.