

## CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE

**Because** expresses cause and is followed by a subject and a verb

- *I study because I want to be a nurse.*

**Because of** expresses cause and is followed by a noun or a gerund

- *The roof was damaged because of the rain*

**Since / as / due to the fact that** express consequence and are followed by a subject and a verb

- *I didn't go to the beach since / as / due to the fact that it was raining.*

**So** expresses consequence and is followed by a subject and a verb.

- *I didn't have money, so I couldn't go to the trip*

**Therefore / Consequently / As a result / For this reason** express consequence and normally go at the beginning of a sentence, after a stop, and followed by a comma

- *I don't like pasta. Therefore, I never go to Italian restaurants.*

1. Drag the connectors to the correct side of the chart.

| <i>Because – so – since – secondly – therefore – as – firstly – due to the fact that –<br/>consequently - finally</i> |       |             |
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| SEQUENCING                                                                                                            | CAUSE | CONSEQUENCE |
|                                                                                                                       |       |             |

2. Complete the sentences with the connectors in ACTIVITY 1. More than one possible answer might be correct.

- a) Rugby players often get injured \_\_\_\_\_ their careers are often shorter than those of footballers.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ tennis players compete in tournaments all year round, they rarely get a break.
- c) Tickets for American baseball matches are quite cheap for two reasons. \_\_\_\_\_, there are lots of matches during the season, and secondly, the stadiums are huge and rarely full.
- d) Basketball is a very competitive game. \_\_\_\_\_, players must be athletic and tall.
- e) Top golfers are often in their 40s \_\_\_\_\_ the game is about technique rather than stamina.

**3. Complete the sentences with the connectors in ACTIVITY 1. More than one possible answer might be correct**

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ Carmen hadn't seen Steve for years, she didn't know how he felt about her.
- b) Neither Carmen nor Steve had partners, \_\_\_\_\_ they were able to get married.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_, the letter got lost, Carmen thought Steve had forgotten her.
- d) Carmen and Steve's story is unusual and romantic, \_\_\_\_\_ - it was reported in the newspapers.
- e) They decided to get married \_\_\_\_\_ they were still mad about each other.

**4. Circle the correct alternative**

- a) They banned the athlete as he had taken drugs, **since / so** he had to return his gold medal.
- b) Teams and countries suffer when an athlete takes drugs, **because / consequently** the athlete can no longer compete.
- c) Taking drugs in sports is cheating, **as / therefore** it gives athletes an unfair advantage.
- d) Some performance-enhancing drugs can cause heart disease, **so / as** they are very dangerous.
- e) **Consequently / Since** professional athletes have to take regular blood tests, taking illegal substances is very risky.

**5. Choose the correct connector**

- a) **Therefore / Because of / Since** many children don't get enough exercise, it's a good idea to have sport at school.
- b) Regular exercise improves health. **Consequently / As / Because**, sports lessons should be part of our children's daily routine.
- c) Children often have to work together in sports activities. **Because / Since / As a result**, they learn to get along with each other.
- d) Physical activity helps people relax. **Therefore / Because of this / So**, students should try to exercise every day.
- e) Sport teach children how to set goals and achieve them. **For this reason / As / Because**, it can also help them develop good study skills.

**6. Choose the most logical continuation**

- a) Many children get less physical activity **since...**
  - the spend so much time on the computer.
  - more children will be overweight.

b) Two sports lessons a week are insufficient **as** ...

- more children should have daily sports lessons.
- children should be exercising every day.

c) Sports lessons may be the only exercise a child gets. **For this reason**, ...

- many children don't do enough physical activity.
- they should be a part of every school day.

d) Some children get regular exercise **because**...

- they ride their bikes to school.
- they don't need to exercise during school hours.

e) In the USA, about 17% of children are obese. **Therefore**...

- schools should have regular sports lessons to help them learn about a healthier lifestyle.
- they exercise too little and eat too much junk food.