

# Cause and effect, reason and result

**Exercise 1:** Add a suitable linking expression from the box. Each is used twice.

so · because · because of

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| 1. Prices in general have risen <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>             | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
| 2. There has been relatively low inflation <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>  | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
| 3. <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> the economy in this country is expanding | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
| 4. Foreign investment has been high <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>         | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
| 5. Inflation was very high <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>                  | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
| 6. <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> the economic crisis                      | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |

- a few companies wanted to invest.
- b consumer confidence is high.
- c the price of oil has risen.
- d the tax incentives being offered.
- e many companies have set up here.
- f many companies are cutting back.

**Exercise 2:** Fill in the gaps with suitable expressions from the box.

Consequently · as · due · Owing to · lead to  
Since · therefore · stem from

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| 1. <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> I was in his neighbourhood, | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | a <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> to the awful weather.                          |
| 2. This year's sales have not been at all good.  | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | b I decided to pay him a visit.  |
| 3. We didn't have a very good holiday,   | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | c <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> I haven't seen it before.                      |
| 4. <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> my early flight,            | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | d <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> a lot of new business.                         |
| 5. Winning this contract could   | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | e I had to get up at the crack of dawn.  |
| 6. His lack of self-confidence could   | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | f I have decided, <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> , to give you a second chance. |
| 7. You made a big mistake, but you haven't been in this job very long.                 | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | g <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> , we are going to have to let some of you go.  |
| 8. I'd prefer to see the film with Penelope Cruz                                       | <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | h <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> problems he had in his childhood.              |

**Exercise 3:** Fill the gaps using the expressions in the box.

as a result of · resulting in · the result of · result in · resulting · the end result ·  
as a result · resulted from

1. No 2 Machine has been out of action,  considerable loss of production.
2. The mechanical problems seem to have  poor maintenance.
3. Which in turn could be  staff cuts in the maintenance department.
4.  these cuts, the maintenance department is now overstretched.
5. And  from this situation, they don't have enough time to deal with everything.
6. If we don't fix this problem soon, it could  lost sales.
7. And as you know,  of lost sales is lost profits.
8. , Ladies and Gentlemen, our jobs could be on the line.

**Exercise 4:** Fill the gaps using the prepositions in the box.

to · of · in · from · by

1. Eating too much junk food can lead  child obesity.
2. Because  this, the government is trying to control junk food advertising.
3. To a certain extent, the crisis of 2008 stemmed  the bursting of the housing bubble.
4. But over-reliance on credit also contributed  the situation.
5. His poor performance has been the cause  much anxiety at team headquarters.
6. This has resulted  their giving the No 1 position to his team-mate and rival.
7. The flight was delayed, owing  a strike by air traffic controllers.
8. The strike was caused  a breakdown in talks.
9. One consequence  liberalisation seems to be a bigger gap between rich and poor.
10. Greater social tensions could be the result  this inequality.
11. Many companies have cut back on English lessons due  continuing uncertainty.
12. This uncertainty results  the fact that the recovery has been very slow.

**Exercise 5:** Complete the sentences by using a suitable participle form of a verb in the box.  
There is one verb which is used twice.

take · see · miss · blow · work · forget · arrive

1. He forgot to set his alarm clock,  ten minutes late for work.
2.  her coming out of a shop, he went over to talk to her.
3.  this way and that by the wind, the leaves formed little piles.
4. He thought he was free at lunchtime,  that he had an appointment.
5.  hard at her thesis in the library, she didn't notice the time passing.
6. He had to go off to see a client,  lunch for the third day running.
7.  by surprise by his sudden appearance, she didn't know what to say.
8. Not  much exercise, he's not very fit, which isn't very surprising.

**Exercise 6:** Enter appropriate expressions from the box.

such · so much · such a · so

1. We were  tired
2. It was  lovely evening
3. The restaurant was  good
4. She's  fun to be with
5. It was  fun
6. They performed  badly
7. I made  huge mess of things
8. He was  impressed with their act

a that we went for a postprandial walk.

b that I always enjoy her company.

c that we went to bed immediately.

d that I'd do it again anytime.

e that he hired them on the spot.

f that they were booed off stage.

g that I doubt they'll ever ask me back.

h that we decided go back the following night.