



CAUSE & EFFECT

Reason & Result

DEFINITION

Looks at the reasons (causes) and results (effects).
Sometimes referred to as reason and result essays.

STRUCTURE

Block

Introduction

Cause 1

Cause 2

Transition sentence/paragraph

Effect 1

Effect 2

Conclusion

Block structure lists all of the causes first, and all of the effects afterwards. This type of structure is clearer.

Two types of structure:
Block
and
Chain.

Chain

Introduction

Cause 1
&
Effect of Cause 1

Cause 2
&
Effect of Cause 2

Cause 3
&
Effect of Cause 3

Conclusion

Chain structure has each cause followed immediately by the effect. Usually the effect will then be the cause of the next effect. This type of structure ensures that any effects relate directly to the causes.

CAUSE STRUCTURE WORDS & EXAMPLES

The first cause of this is
Because of
As a result of
As a consequence of
to result from
results in
to be the result of
is due to
Owing to
is the effect of
is the consequence of

Worsening pollution levels in cities are **due to** the increased use of cars.

Because of the increased use of cars, pollution levels in cities are worsening.

As a result of the increased use of cars, pollution levels in cities are worsening.

The effect of the increased use of cars is a worsening of pollution levels in cities.

EFFECT STRUCTURE WORDS & EXAMPLES

Cars are used increasingly for urban transport. **As a consequence**, pollution levels in cities are worsening.

Increased use of cars for urban transport adversely **affects** pollution levels in cities.

Increased use of cars for urban transport **is one of the causes of** worsening pollution levels in cities.

The first effect of this is
As a result,
As a consequence,
Consequently
Therefore,
Hence
This results in
causes
affects
is one of the causes of
is the reason for

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