

Functions : Cause and Effect

Cause and effect

Examples

- The police arrested him **because** he broke into a bank.
- The police arrested him **since** he broke into a bank.
- She can't read the letter **as** she is illiterate.
- He can't run fast **for** he is too fat.
- **Owing to** his intelligence, he managed to solve the problem.
- **Due to** the bad weather, they didn't go for a picnic.

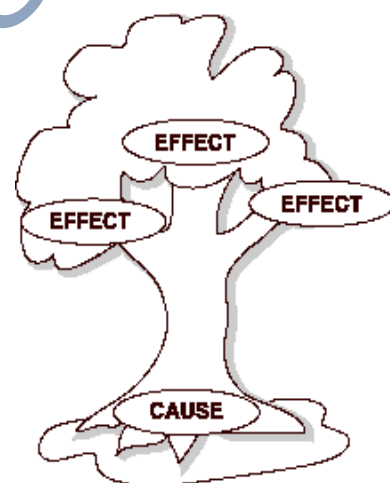
Other ways to express cause and effect:

You can also express cause and effect as follows:

- The cause of ...is...
- ...is caused by / is due to ...
- Thanks to ...

Examples:

The cause of	global warming	is pollution.
Global warming	is caused by	pollution.
	is due to	



Thanks to	his hard work,	he passed the exam
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Use of thanks to

People tend to use **thanks to** in positive situations.

Example:

"Thanks to his intelligence he managed to find the solution to that math problem."

Sometimes **thanks to** is used ironically in a negative way

Example:

"Did she lose the election?"

"Yeah, thanks to you and to all the others who didn't bother to vote."

"The baby is awake thanks to your shouting."

Things to remember about cause and effect:

- a. **Due to, because of, owing to** and **thanks to** are followed by a noun.
- b. **Because, since, as, for** are followed by a verb.

Due to	+ Noun
Because of	
Owing to	
Thanks to	

because	Subject + Verb
since	
as	
for	

Examples:

- Due to **his laziness**, he didn't pass the exam.
- Thanks to **her beauty**, she attracted the attention of all the guests.
- Because / since / as / they **are** in love, they forgive each other's mistakes.