

Cause / Effect

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Notice the many ways you can express cause / effect!

ADVERB CLAUSE (because + cause; you can change the order) Chart 17-2

1. I didn't go to school **because** I was sick.
2. **Because** I was sick, I didn't go to school.
3. I didn't go to school **since** I was sick.
4. **Since** I was sick, I didn't go to school.
5. I can go to school **now that** I am well.
6. **Now that** I am well, I can go to school. (= "because now")
7. I didn't go to school **due to the fact that** I was sick.
8. **Due to the fact that I was sick**, I didn't go to school.

PREPOSITION + NOUN PHRASE (because of + cause; you can change the order) Chart 19-1

9. I didn't go to school **because of** my illness.
10. **Because of** my illness, I didn't go to school.
11. I didn't go to school **due to** my illness.
12. **Due to** my illness, I didn't go to school.

CONJUNCTION (CONNECTING WORD-COMPOUND SENTENCE; you cannot change the order)

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| 13. | I felt sick, so | I didn't go to class. | Chart 19-3 |

CONJUNCTIVE ADVERB Chart 19-3

(TRANSITION WORD – COMPOUND SENTENCE OR 2 SIMPLE SENTENCES)

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| 14. | I felt sick; therefore , | I didn't go to class. | |
| 15. | I felt sick. Therefore , | I didn't go to class. | |
| 16. | I felt sick; consequently , | I didn't go to class. | |
| 17. | I felt sick. Consequently , | I didn't go to class. | |
| 18. | I felt sick; as a result , | I didn't go to class. | |
| 19. | I felt sick. As a result , | I didn't go to class. | |

Also possible, but unusual: I felt sick; I, therefore, didn't go to class.

I felt sick; I didn't go to class, therefore.

SPECIAL EXPRESSION (so / such ...that...) Chart 19-4

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| 20. | I felt so sick that | I didn't go to school. | so + adj |
| 21. | I moved so slowly that | I couldn't go to school. | so + adv |
| 22. | I had so many absences that | I failed the class. | so + many + plural count noun |
| 23. | I took so few tests that | I failed the class. | so + few + plural count noun |
| 24. | I had so much pain that | I couldn't move. | so + much + noncount noun |
| 25. | I had so little energy that | I couldn't get up. | so + little + noncount noun |
| 26. | It was such a long illness that | I missed a lot of classes. | such + adj + noun |

REDUCED ADVERB CLAUSE (You may study this later) Chart 18-4

27. Being sick, I didn't go to school. = Because I was sick, I didn't go to school.