# CAUSE AND EFFECT EXPRESSION

**Cause and effect** types of sentences are in common use in technical writing

**A CAUSE** is something that makes something else happen. Out of two events, it is the event that happens first

**AN EFFECT** is what happens because of the cause. If two related events, it is one that happens second or last.

Eg. There was heavy rain the whole day **and therefore** the match was cancelled

**As** there was heavy rain the whole day, the match was cancelled.

**Some expressions denoting the cause and effect concept:**

**Because, as, since, therefore, as a result, consequently, due to owing to, etc**

Several new blocks of buildings have been built there **as a result** the huge canopy of trees has disappeared

**Use Cause expressions to link the following statements**

1. I stayed at home. It was raining.

I stayed at home because it was raining.

2. The old tanker spilled large quantity of oil, many sea birds died.

Since the oil tanker spilled large quantity of oil, many sea birds died

3. The mass production, goods became cheaper.

Because of the mass production, goods became cheaper.

4. He did not write the exams well. He did not pass.

He did not pass because he did not write the exams well.

5. The temperature is high in summer. An A.C unit should be installed.

Since the temperature is high in summer, an A.C unit should be installed.

6. E-ticketing is introduced by the railways. The people get reservations easily.

The people get reservations easily owing to the introduction of e-ticketing by railways.

7. Wind mills are installed in large numbers. Adequate power is produced.

Adequate power is produced because of the installation of large number of wind mills.

8. The water from the river overflowed .Many villages was inundated.

Since the water from the river overflowed, many villages were inundated

9. The boy missed the bus. He overslept.

The boy missed the bus because he overslept.

10. The girl fell. The sidewalk was icy.

The girl fell because the sidewalk was icy.

11. The food in the refrigerator spoiled. The electricity went out

Since the electricity went out the food in the refrigerator spoiled.

12. Jason missed the swing. He didn't keep his eye on the ball

As he didn't keep his eye on the ball he missed the swing.

13. The man got a ticket. He was speeding

The man got a ticket because he was speeding.

14. Janice got an A on her science test. She studied very hard.

Janice got an A on her science test because she studied very hard.

15. The trip to the beach was cancelled because of the rain

As because of the rain the trip to the beach was cancelled

In this lesson we will learn about words and expressions used to show cause and effect.

In English, we use several different words to show cause and effect. Examples are: **for, because, as, since, therefore, hence, as a result, consequently, due to, because of, as a result of** etc.

He must be asleep **for** there is no light in his room.

I decided to call it a day – **for** I was feeling tired.

I helped him **because** I liked him.

**Since** he had not paid the rent, he was told to vacate the room.

**As** it is raining again, we will have to stay at home.

It was raining, **so** we stayed at home.

**Notes**

**So** shows the effect. **As, since** and **because** show the cause.

Compare:

**As** he hasn't arrived yet, we will have to go without him.

He hasn't arrived yet, **so** we will have to go without him.

The poor parents could not support the baby. **Therefore** they sent him to an orphanage.

We had to cancel the trip **due to** my daughter's illness.

**Owing to** bad weather the match was cancelled.

We had to cancel the match **because of** bad weather.

I was late **owing to the fact that** the train broke down.