

Cause and Effect

WHY something happens

Because the chair was not pushed in

WHAT happened

The student tripped and fell

Signal Words

Accordingly Consequently resulting in
Also Due to thanks to
Because in order to therefore
Brought about if...then was responsible

One cause may have many effects

Many causes may have one effect

Sometimes the cause comes first in the sentence

Because it was so hot out, the children had to dress coolly and got to go swimming.

Sometimes the effect comes first in the sentence

The children laughed *because* the clowns juggled, rode unicycles, and did magic tricks.

Name _____

Date _____

I Could Do That!
Writing: Informative Writing

Focus Trait: Elaboration

Using Transition Words

Cause-and-Effect Sentences

When Esther was a girl, only men could vote. Her mother could not vote for president.

Transition Added

When Esther was a girl, only men could vote. **Therefore**, her mother could not vote for president.

Read each pair of sentences. Connect the ideas in the sentences using a cause-and-effect transition word or phrase.

Cause-and-Effect Sentences

1. Esther made nice clothes. Women paid her to make clothes for them.
2. Esther heard Susan B. Anthony speaking out about women's rights. She wanted to help women get the vote, too.

Transition Added

- Esther made nice clothes.
women paid her to make clothes for them.
- Esther heard Susan B. Anthony speaking out about women's rights,
she wanted to help women get the vote, too.

Pair/Share Work with a partner to brainstorm how to add transition words or phrases to make the sentences read smoothly.

Cause-and-Effect Sentences

3. Esther liked to do things for herself. She painted the sign for her hat shop.
4. People thought that Esther was too young to run a business. They were shocked to see her open a hat shop.

Transition Added

Writing

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