

Connectors of Cause and Consequence

B1-B2



Connectors of **cause** explain why something happens.

Connectors of **consequence** explain the result.

*We **never** use cause and consequence connectors in the same sentence.*

Cause/Reason

since thanks to
due to owing to
the reason being (that)

Consequence / Effect

therefore consequently
thus as a consequence
for this reason

Since it rained, the match was cancelled.

*→ more formal than 'because',
often used in writing*



It rained. **Therefore**, the match was cancelled.

*→ expresses logical result,
common in formal writing*

The match was cancelled **due to** the rain

*→ more formal but in speaking,
always followed by a noun*



It rained. **Thus**, the match was cancelled.

*→ expresses logical result,
common in academic writing*

The match was cancelled **thanks to** the rain.

*→ implies a **good thing**, always
followed by a noun*



It rained. **Consequently**, the match was cancelled.

*→ neutral, clear and direct,
suggests a strong link*

The match was cancelled **owing to** the rain.

*→ more formal but in writing,
always followed by a noun*



It rained. **As a consequence**, they cancelled the match.

*→ more formal than
'as a result'*

The match was cancelled, **the reason being** it rained.

*→ used to explain or justify, more
common in formal writing*



It rained. **For this reason**, they cancelled the match.

*→ clear, neutral, and
common in speaking*