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Structure refers to the way a writer creates a text.

a **cause** is a thing that makes something else happen.
An **effect** is a thing that happens because of something else.
Example:
I overslept so I missed the bus cause effect

Signal words

- because
- as a result
- due to
- since
- the reason
- therefore
- which means

How good is your English?

- Many people feel the harder words are the longer ones: effervescent, uninhabitable, disenfranchisement.
- However, in my opinion the little ones are trickier! Big words usually very specific, whereas small words have many meanings.
- To show my point, all of these slides show three pictures. Each of the pictures represents ONE word.
- See if you can figure out what the pictures have in common.

A
SOC
ORI
E
Cause
Effect

Multiple causes can have only one effect

C **E** **F**
A **F** **E**
U **E** **C**
S **C** **T**
E **T** **I**

A writer might use cause and effect to explain how or why historical or scientific events happened.

Summary: Cause and effect is a type of text structure that shows how one event or idea made another one happen. A writer might choose to use this if they are trying to show the relationship between events or ideas.

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