

Cause/Effect Essay Practice

This is your chance to practice writing a cause/effect essay. Follow the directions below.

Organization

Do some prewriting first. Keep brainstorming until you hit on some original ideas with depth. Then write a well-organized cause and effect essay.

Remember you should have some kind of interesting “hook” at the beginning of your introduction and a clear thesis statement at the end of the introduction. Keep this paragraph short.

You should write at least three well-developed body paragraphs. Each body paragraph must contain a clear topic sentence and a concluding sentence or transition sentence. Use several supporting ideas in each paragraph and develop those supporting ideas with details and examples.

In your conclusion paragraph, remember to restate your thesis using different words. Finally, write your conclusion by briefly summarizing your main points and ending with a final thought on the topic. Keep this paragraph short.

Format

Type the essay in a Word document using 12-point font, double spaced, and 1 inch margins. Put a title in the center of the first line.

Language Use

Remember to use transitions, sentence variety, transitions, correct verb tenses, and correct punctuation.

Choose ONE of the following topics for your essay

1. Some students decide to cheat on schoolwork even though they know it is not acceptable. Discuss the **causes** **OR** the **effects** of cheating in school.
2. Not everyone chooses to go to a college or university. Discuss the reasons (**causes**) that make a person decide to go to college **OR** the results (**effects**) of getting a college degree **OR** of not going to college. Choose only one of these topics for your essay.
3. Some people live in their hometown their whole lives. Discuss the **causes** or **effects** of staying in one’s hometown forever. **OR** discuss the **causes** or **effects** of moving to a different city **OR** country. Choose only one of these topics for your essay.