

Handout 2

Study the table below.¹

PHRASES TO SHOW CAUSE		
PHRASE	HOW TO USE	EXAMPLES
due to	Use before nouns that show cause If the phrase comes first, follow it by a comma	Due to her blog, Stephanie's bakery became more popular. Stephanie's bakery became more popular due to her blog.
as a result of		As a result of the Internet, people can communicate to each other all over the world. People can communicate to each other all over the world as a result of the Internet.
because of		People's lives are more transparent because of online sharing. Because of online sharing, people's lives are more transparent
PHRASES TO SHOW EFFECT		
PHRASE	HOW TO USE	EXAMPLES
As a result, For this reason, Therefore,	Follow by a comma and a clause	As a result , they were able to keep up with events. For this reason , they could share their own experience. Therefore , this decision was wrong.
That is why	Do not follow by a comma because this phrase is a part of the clause.	That is why they were able to find out how to help.

¹ Adapted from: Bauer, J., Boyle M.S., Stapleton, S. (2016). Final Draft 3. Student's book. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Exercise 2

Complete each sentence with the correct phrase from the brackets.

1. Online sharing allows users to communicate at a very low cost with anyone anywhere anytime. (for this reason/because of) many people use the Internet to keep in touch with family and friends.
2. People who live far from a college can now get an education (as a result/due to) the development of online courses.
3. (Because of/That is why) online predators, people need to be careful about who they meet online.
4. The Internet makes it possible to reach thousands in an instant. (For this reason/Due to) people can get information on emergency or police news immediately.
5. (As a result, / As a result of) computers, modern children may have more flexible brains than their parents.

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Add a cause or effect to complete each sentence below.

1. Because an email address is valuable personal information,
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2. I don't like to receive texts during class. For this reason,
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3. My generation knows a lot more about social media than our parents. As a result,
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4. Sharing news and photos with family and friends is really important to me. That is why
.....
5. Due to , people enjoy shopping online.