



5. Cause-and-effect paragraph

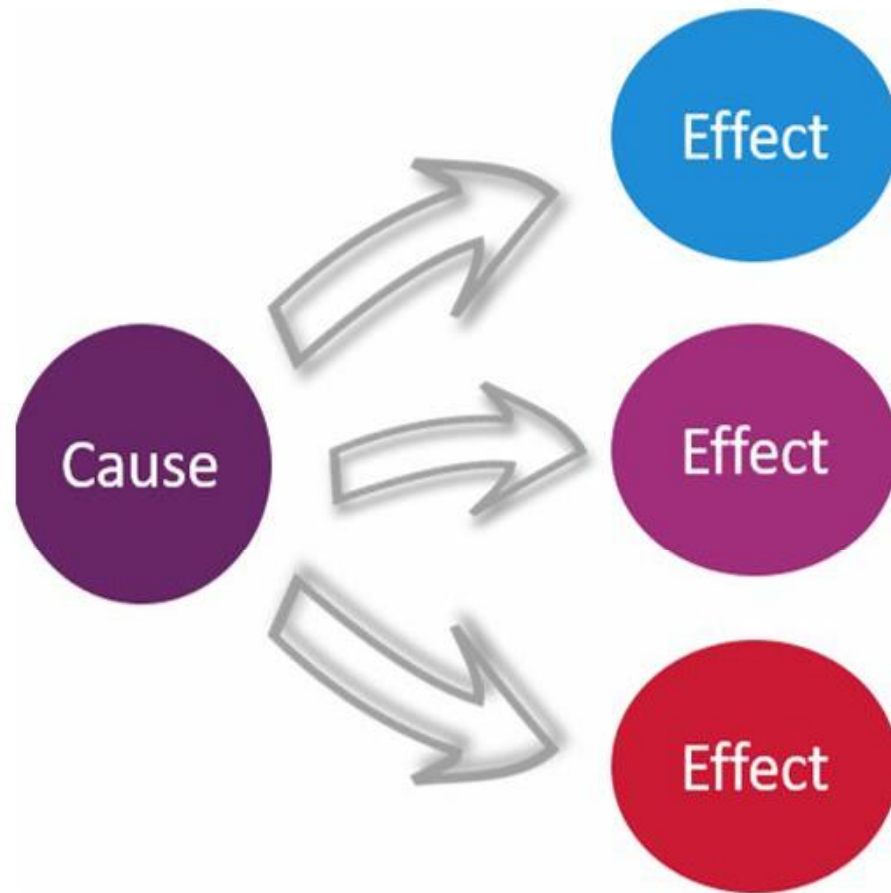
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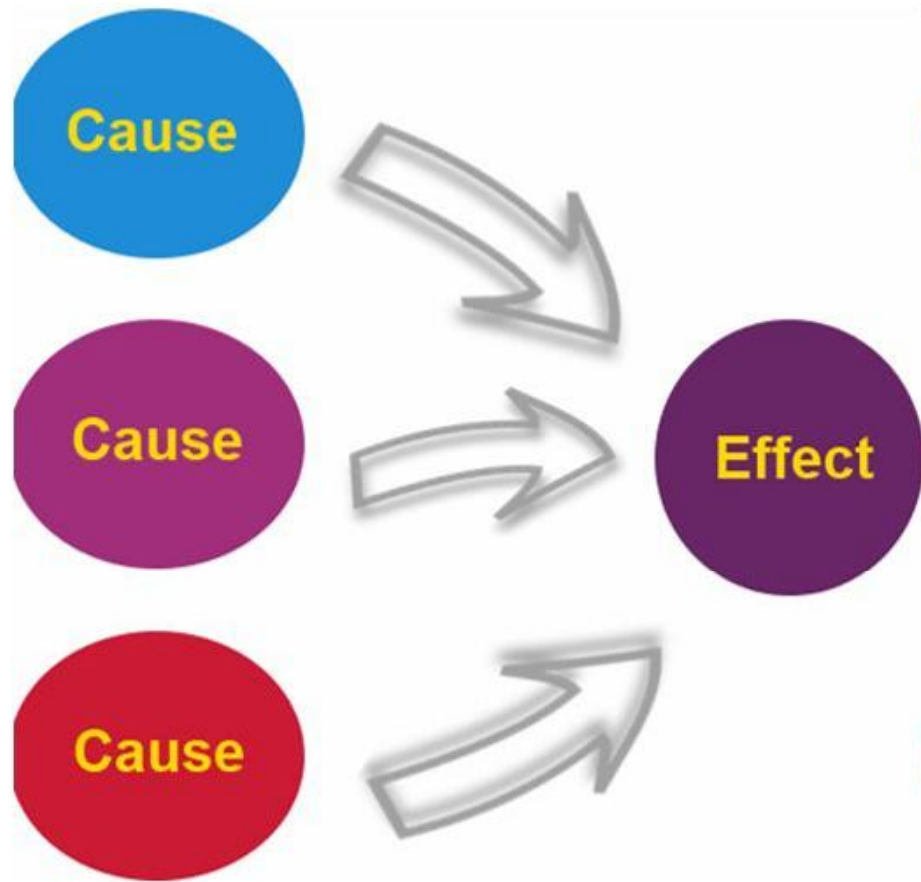
1. What is a cause-and-effect paragraph?

- Writers show
 - why something happened (**the cause**)
 - what happened as a result (**the effect**)

Focusing on effects



Focusing on causes



Cause → Effect

- She made one big mistake, **as a result**, she lost her job.
- Mary studied hard for the chemistry exam. **Therefore**, she got an A+.
- It rained heavily, **consequently** the football game was called off.
- It is too late **so that** we cannot go to cinema.
- He didn't complain to the police, **accordingly** the police took no action.

Effect → Cause

- She was very tired **as a result of** working late.
- My father hasn't slept in 4 days **due to** his illness.
- They cannot go to cinema **because** it is too late.
- My success was largely **due to** luck.
- They have had to postpone the meeting, **owing to** the strike.
- **Due to** the bad weather, the match was cancelled.

Cause and Effect Transitions

2. Paragraph head

- Shows if the paragraph is on the causes or effects
- Provides a topic
- Previews the causes or effects

3. Supporting sentences

- Each cause or effect shall be clearly linked to the paragraph head
- Provide at least 1 detail to prove your cause or effect
- Use special phrases to show causes or effects.

4. Concluding sentence

- Restates the paragraph head.

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