

COMMUNICATION

Expressing cause and effect

LEVEL

Intermediate (B1)

NUMBER

EN_B1_1093X

LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can identify and recall a range of expressions to express cause and effect.
- I can discuss the importance of charity using these expressions.



Warm-up

What are some popular charities in your country?



How do charities often raise money?



Questions about the text

1. **Read** the questions below.
2. **Answer** them after you have read the text on slides 5 and 6.



Who are *Travelling Tots Toys*?

What charity event is mentioned in the email?

What charity is mentioned in the email, and what do they do?

What is the purpose of the email?



Read the following email

Re: Last week's charity auction



To: *Travelling Tots Toys* Employees

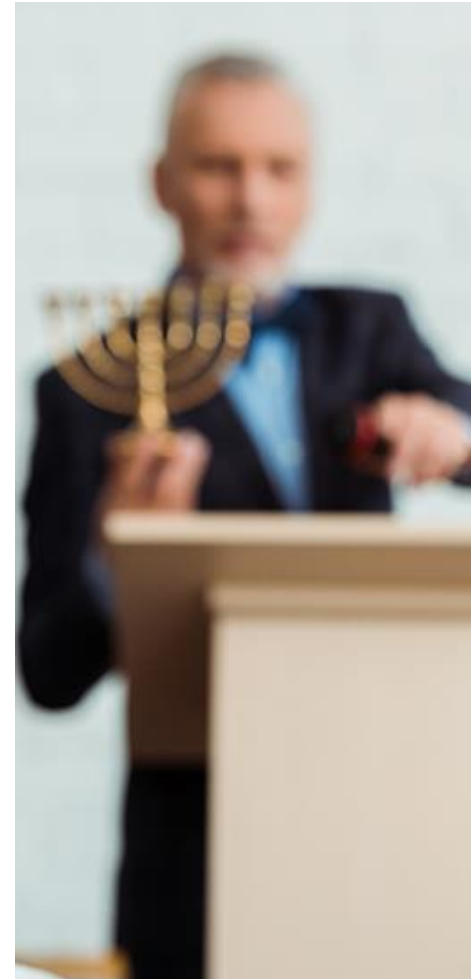
Dear Colleagues,

I'm very happy to announce the results of *Travelling Tots Toys'* charity auction last week.

As you know, the event was organised by Stephanie Thomas and Paul Winford from the Product Innovation team. Because of all their hard work, the event proved to be a huge success.

Thanks to the event, over £8,450 was raised for Little Wings, a charity that helps young children with disabilities travel abroad on the trip of a lifetime.

As we are a company that specialises in producing travel-friendly toys for children, this charity was seen as the perfect fit for us!





Read the following email

Re: Last week's charity auction



I'm also delighted to announce that owing to all your generous donations, three children will now be travelling to Florida this summer.

Since the charity works mainly with young children, the winners' parents will also be travelling to the Sunshine State.

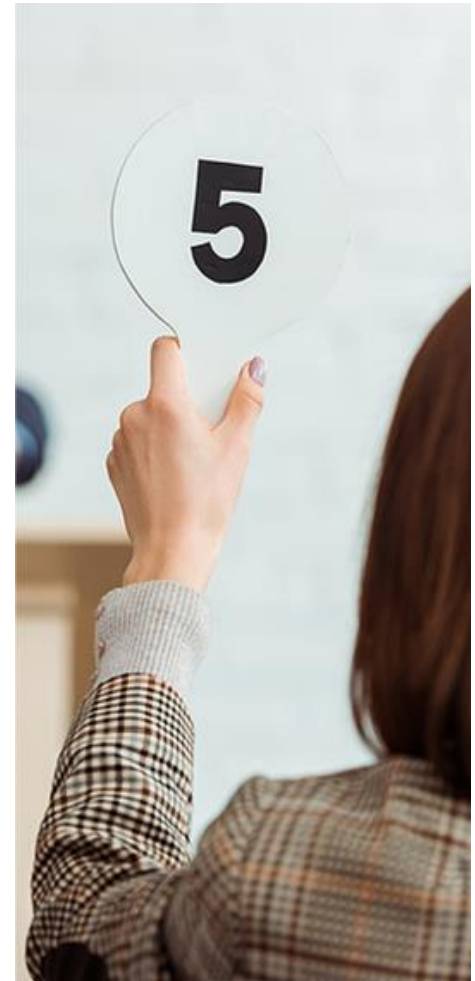
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for being so generous.

As a company, because we all dug deep this time around, we managed to make not two, but three, very special trips happen!

Kind regards,

Claire

Head of HR - Travelling Tots Toys





Discuss

**Has your company
ever held a charity
event before?**

Tell the class about it!



Because we really **dug deep**, we managed to make three special trips happen!



Do you think it is easy or difficult to **dig deep**?
Why?



Expressing cause and effect (1)

1. **Read** these quotes from the email. 2. **Answer** the questions in the blue box.

Because of all their hard work, the event proved to be a huge success.

Thanks to the event, over £8,450 was raised for Little Wings.

Owing to all your generous donations,
three children will be travelling to Florida this summer.

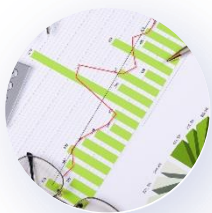
- What are the **causes** and the **effects** in each sentence?
- Can we change the order of the cause and effect in each sentence?
- Are the expressions in blue followed by a noun or a verb?



Spot the mistakes

Find the mistakes in the sentences below. What is the cause and the effect in each one?

1



Thanks all your hard work, we've hit our sales targets for the month.

2



We'll hold an auction again this year owe to how popular our last one was!

3



Because your great answers in the interview, you got the job!

4



We couldn't concentrate as a result the noise.



Match the causes and the effect

Match the **cause** on the left with the correct **effect** on the right.

1 Because of the rain,

2 Owing to a slow summer season,

3 As a result of your hard work,

4 Due to all this pressure,

5 Thanks to this new tool,

a we've decided to give you a promotion.

b my team and I are getting very stressed.

c the sales department can work more efficiently than ever.

d I had to cancel our picnic.

e we're going to have a very difficult winter.



Complete with your own ideas

Choose one **pink** and one **yellow** box to complete. Work as a class or in breakout rooms.

**Thanks to my time at
my first job, I...**

**Owing to my time at
university, I learnt...**

**Because of my
friend's support, I...**

**As a result of my
lateness at work, my
boss...**

Expressing cause and effect (2)

1. **Read** these quotes from the text on slides 5 and 6.
2. **Answer** the questions in the blue box.

Since the charity works mainly with young children, the winners' parents will also be travelling to the Sunshine State.

As we are a company that makes travel-friendly toys for children, this charity was seen as the perfect fit for us!

- What are these expressions in blue followed by?
Discuss with your teacher!
- Can we change the order of the clauses?
- Can you use the word **because** in the same way?
Discuss as a class!





Choose the correct expression

1 I don't agree with him _____ his ridiculous ideas!

a. because

b. because of

2 We decided to do a charity event, _____ we want to help less fortunate kids.

a. owing to

b. as

3 _____ I don't know him that well, I have no clue what to buy him for his birthday.

a. since

b. as a result of



Choose the correct expression

4 She couldn't work for a year _____ the accident.

a. due to

b. because

5 _____ we didn't go to the event, we couldn't say if we had a good time or not.

a. owing to

b. since

6 Money isn't the best thing to give _____ it doesn't always help those in need.

a. because

b. thanks to



Discuss

**Is it better to give time
or money to charity?
Give your reasons why!**



**Should we be forced to
give money to charity
or not?**



Look at this statement

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For me, charity always begins at home!

What do you think this phrase means?

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not?

What are some ways that you help out where you live?





End of the lesson

Idiom of the day

It's for a good cause.

Meaning: it is worth doing or giving money to because it will help other people.



Additional practice



Put the words in order

1

the feedback

charity event

we received

this year

hold

more than one

as a result of

we've decided to



2



didn't

because

pass

for it

his exam

revise

he didn't

John



Choose the correct option



1 _____ all your dedication, we've been able to grow as a company.

a. Thanks to

b. Since

2 We'll be running the marathon again this year _____ its popularity.

a. because

b. owing to

3 We couldn't finish our project _____ a few delays.

a. due to

b. as



Categorise the words

Categorise the cause and effect expressions below according to whether they are followed by a noun or a verb.

1 due to

2 because

3 as a result of

4 thanks to

5 since

Followed by a noun or noun phrase

Followed by a subject + verb or verb phrase

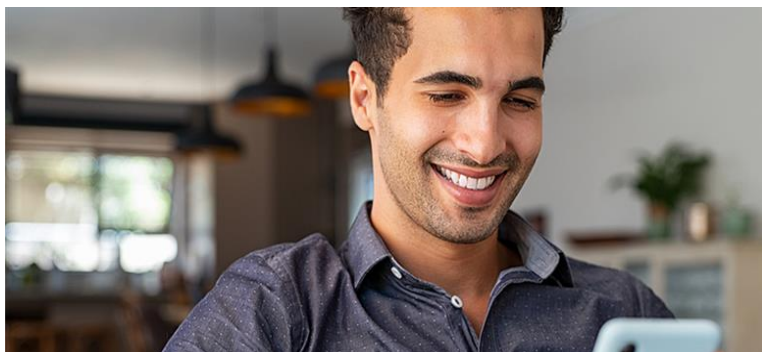


Finish the conversation

A colleague of yours, Samantha, sends you this text message. It's about a charity event at work that you don't want to go to!

Write one or two sentences to explain to Samantha why you can't go to the event.

Try to use at least one cause and effect expression in your answer.



10:37  

Samantha Collins

Hey! Are you still coming tomo night?

You

Hey! I'm not so sure tbh.

Samantha Collins

What? But you promised you'd come with me.

You

Yeah, I know. It's just that...

+ >



Discuss

“

It's for a good cause!

Should we believe everyone who says their charity is for a good cause?

Does the money collected for charity actually go towards charity?

**How much money goes to charity when you donate?
Where does the rest go?**





Press conference

Imagine that you are the organiser of a charity event and that you're giving a press conference to inform journalists about it. Take it in turns to be the organiser while your teacher or classmates ask questions about the event. As the organiser, **answer the journalists' questions** by using the cause and effect expression we have covered in this lesson. Some are listed below.



Charity event
organiser



Journalist 1



Journalist 2



Journalist 3

Organiser: *The event is being organised as a consequence of the lack of funds that the hospital is currently receiving.*

Journalist: *How many people will the event be able to host?*

- as a result of
- due to
- because
- because of
- since
- owing to



Write an announcement

Imagine that you are the organiser of a charity event that has to be cancelled or postponed for some particular reason, for example bad weather or a lack of funding. **Write** a short piece about why the charity event was going to be held, why it has to be cancelled, and the consequence of it being cancelled. **Use the expressions of cause and effect** that we have covered during this lesson.

The charity event that was planned for tomorrow will have to be cancelled due to... This means that... The event was organised thanks to the support we received from the locals...





Answer key

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1. Travelling Tots Toys are a company that makes travel-friendly toys for children.
2. The email mentions a charity auction.
3. The email mentions the charity Little Wings. Little Wings helps young children with disabilities travel abroad.
4. Possible answers: The email announces the result of the charity auction. The email thanks the employees for their hard work, in particular Stephanie Thomas and Paul Winford.

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1. Cause: their hard work; the event; all the generous donations
Effect: event was a huge success; £8,450 raised for Little Wings; three children will go to Florida this summer
2. Yes – switch clauses and remove comma.
3. Followed by a noun (or noun phrase)

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1. Thanks **to** all your hard work
2. ...this year **owing** to
3. Because **of** your
4. As a result **of** the noise

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1. (d) 2. (e) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (c)

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1. Followed by a subject + verb/verb phrase
2. Yes, can also go between the clauses.
3. Yes



Answer key

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1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (b) 6. (a)

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1. As a result of the feedback we received, we've decided to hold more than one charity event this year

2. John didn't pass his exam because he didn't revise for it.

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1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (a)

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Followed by a noun or noun phrase: due to, as a result of, thanks to; Followed by a subject + verb or verb phrase: because, since.



Summary

Discussion about charities:

- Personal experiences
- The different ways in which money can be raised for charity

Expressions to express cause and effect:

- thanks to, owing to, since, because, because of

Other vocabulary:

- generous, charity, auction, to dig deep.

Discussing ways of raising money for charity using cause and effect expressions.



Vocabulary

charity

generous

thanks to

auction

owing to

because

it means...

because of

since

to dig deep

trip of a lifetime

to make something happen

the perfect fit

