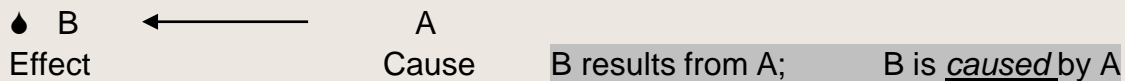


Cause and effect

In addition to the use of conjunctions covered in the previous unit, we can express the relationship between cause and effect in many different ways, before looking at some of these ways, note carefully this important distinction:



E.g. Continuous use of computers **causes** a number of health and safety problems.



E.g. A number of health and safety problems may **result from** continuous use of computers .

1 Often the choice of verbs in a sentence will indicate a cause-effect relationship. The following verbs are used to link a cause with an effect. (1)

2 We can also use **-ing** to link a cause and effect. (2)

result	be caused by	cause	be produced by	produce
results in	allow	result from	prevent	bring about
				enable

3 Another way of showing causal relationship is by introducing the cause by **IF**, and both the cause clause and the effect clause verbs are in the present tense. (3)

4 **When clause** often indicates cause and effect. (4)

Note: Not all **when** clauses indicate a cause and effect relationship. Some are simple **time** relationship.

E.g. **when** I switch on my computer, I check for emails.