

# CAUSE AND EFFECT ESSAY

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- Cause and effect is **the relationship between two things when one thing makes something else happen.**
- Cause and effect essay examines the **reasons** a situation or event occurs and the outcomes that are involved **as a result.**
- **For example,** if we eat too much food and do not exercise, we gain weight.
- Eating food without exercising is the **“cause;”** weight gain is the **“effect.”**
- There may be multiple causes and multiple effects.

# Activity 1: Identify the causes or effects in each of the following sentences:

1. A very cold weather will make people stay in-doors.
2. Economic growth creates many jobs which in turn make many families live in better conditions.
3. According to experts, new agricultural methods will help solve many problems.
4. Necessity is the mother of invention.
5. As a result of his injury, he could no longer play tennis.
6. The government spends a lot of money to provide food for the needy.

# Steps in writing Cause and Effect Essay

Step 1: Decide whether you want to examine the cause or effect.

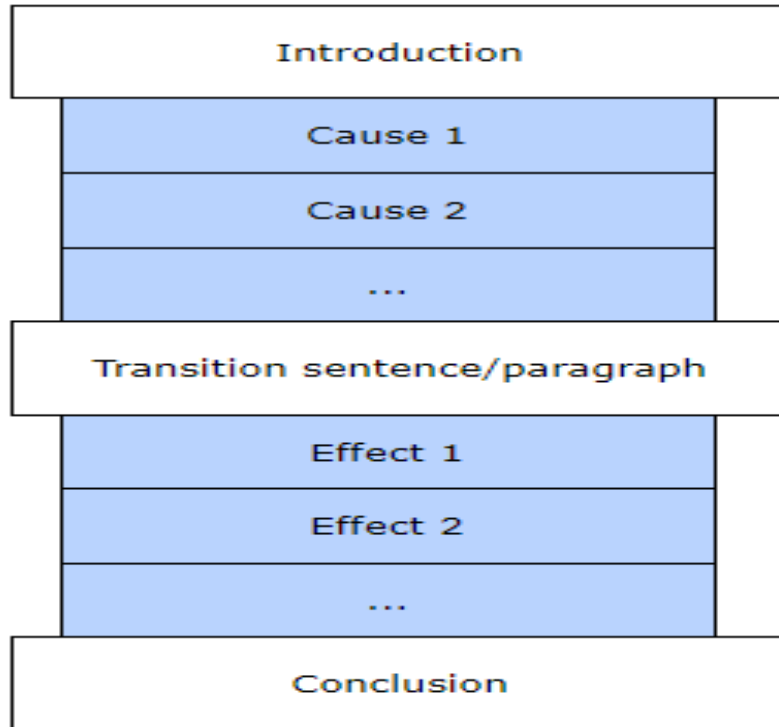
Step 2: Examine each cause and effect thoroughly, using sufficient evidence to prove your points.

**You should support all causes or effects with:**

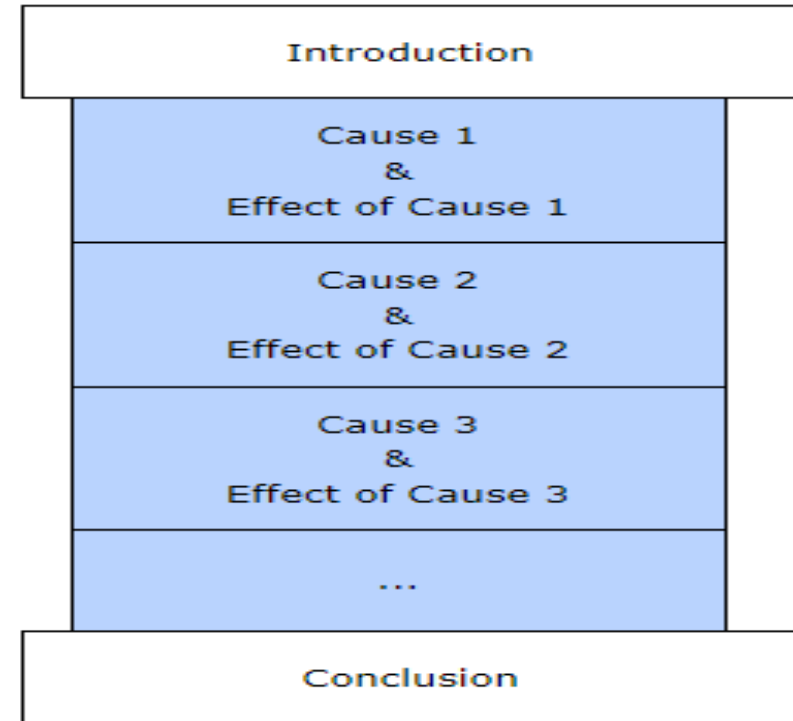
- Good examples
- Definition
- Description
- Narration,
- Comparison

# Structure of Cause and Effect Essay

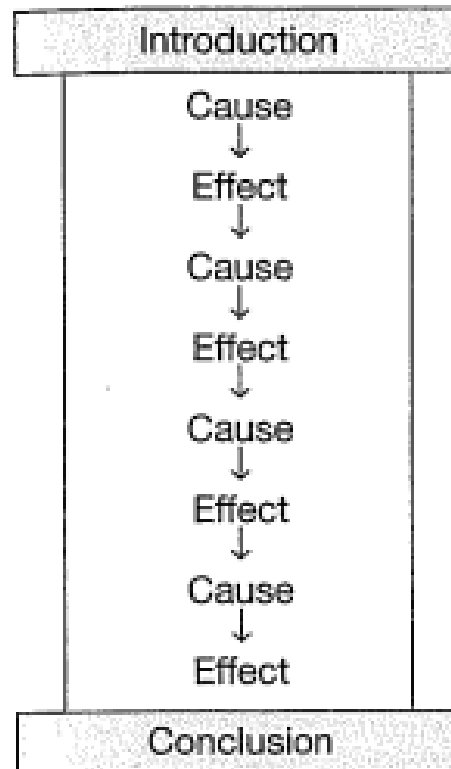
## Block



## Chain



# Example of Chain Structure



## How Fertile Land Becomes Desert

People move into new areas and clear land for agriculture by cutting down trees.

The tree roots no longer hold the soil in place.

The tree roots do not hold the soil in place.

The topsoil washes away during heavy rains.

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There is no good soil to grow crops in.

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# Activity 2: Provide 3 brief causes/effects for the following statement

1. Some students fail in their study
2. Effects of being organized in learning a language
3. Children watch too much violence on television

# Cause and Effect Structure Words

## Cause

- ▶ The first cause of (Y) is (X)
- ▶ The next reason is (X)
- ▶ Because of (X), (Y)
- ▶ As a result of (X), (Y)
- ▶ As a consequence of (X), (Y)
- ▶ because/since/as (X)
- ▶ to result from (X)
- ▶ (X) results in (Y)
- ▶ to be the result of (X)
- ▶ (Y) is due to (X)
- ▶ Owing to (X), (Y)
- ▶ (Y) is because of (X)
- ▶ (Y) is the effect of (X)
- ▶ (Y) is the consequence of (X)

## Effect

- ▶ The first effect of (X) is (Y)
- ▶ Another result of (X) is (Y)
- ▶ As a result, (Y)
- ▶ As a consequence, (Y)
- ▶ Consequently (Y)
- ▶ Therefore, (Y)
- ▶ Thus (Y)
- ▶ Hence (Y)
- ▶ (X) results in (Y)
- ▶ (X) causes (Y)
- ▶ (X) has an effect on (Y)
- ▶ (X) affects (Y)
- ▶ (X) is one of the causes of (Y)
- ▶ (X) is the reason for (Y)



# Few Examples

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- ▶ Worsening pollution levels in cities are **due to** the increased use of cars.
- ▶ **Because of** the increased use of cars, pollution levels in cities are worsening.
- ▶ **As a result of** the increased use of cars, pollution levels in cities are worsening.
- ▶ **The effect of** the increased use of cars is a worsening of pollution levels in cities.

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- ▶ Cars are used increasingly for urban transport. **As a consequence**, pollution levels in cities are worsening.
- ▶ Increased use of cars for urban transport adversely **affects** pollution levels in cities.
- ▶ Increased use of cars for urban transport **is one of the causes of** worsening pollution levels in cities.

# Activity 3: Complete following sent. Make sure you include a transition signal.

1. We turned on the heat \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ when I fell off my bike.
3. Because I helped my mother, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ it was a very cold day yesterday.
5. Huda spilled some milk on the floor \_\_\_\_\_.
6. She was very tired last night \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Adam forgot to come to class early today \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Our teacher was surprised \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_, the football team was angry.
10. When the cat is away, \_\_\_\_\_.

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