### Using Causal Conjunctions



# Causal conjunctions are used to explain how things work or why things happen.

I got soaking wet in the rain **because** I didn't have my umbrella with me.



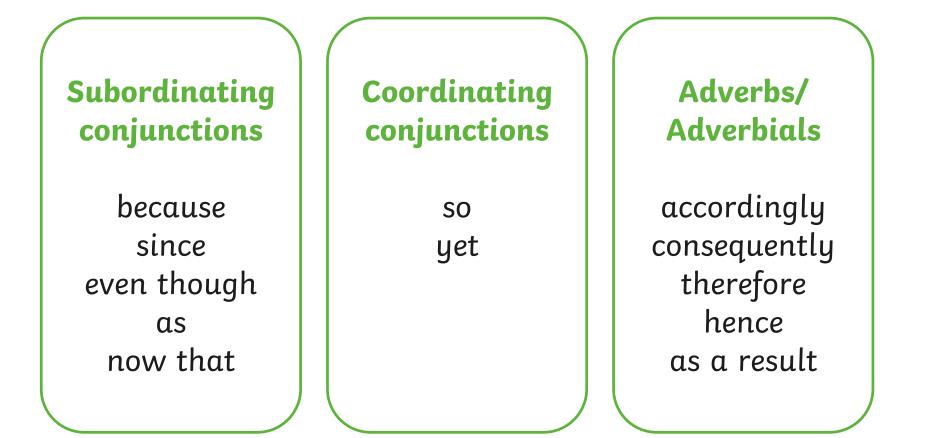
I didn't have breakfast today, **so** I am really hungry now!



I am about to walk the dog **hence** my casual clothes and wellingtons.



#### Causal conjunctions can be:



#### Top tip:

Use a comma before a **coordinating conjunction** if it links two independent, complete 'thoughts', i.e. clauses with a subject and verb in each.

For example: My hamster loved to play, **so** I gave him a spinning wheel.

> Here 'so' links two independent clauses.



## Causal conjunctions link clauses and can be used in the middle of a sentence.

My watch is not broken **even though** I dropped it onto the floor.



I don't enjoy TV, **so** I have chosen to read tonight.



### Causal conjunctions can also be used at the beginning of a sentence to refer to the sentence before.

- I dropped my watch on the floor. **Consequently**, it is broken.
- Andy broke his leg recently. **Accordingly**, he is unable to ski at the moment.
- The school heating is not working. As a result of this, the building is closed today.



#### Causal conjunctions which are also conjunctions can be used to link clauses in the middle or at the beginning of a sentence.

For example:

She is going to bed, **so** she won't be tired tomorrow. **So** she won't be tired tomorrow, she is going to bed now.

Dad was late for work **because** he missed the train. **Because** he missed the train, Dad was late for work.

Tom didn't eat his sandwich **as** he wasn't very hungry. **As** he wasn't very hungry, Tom didn't eat his sandwich.



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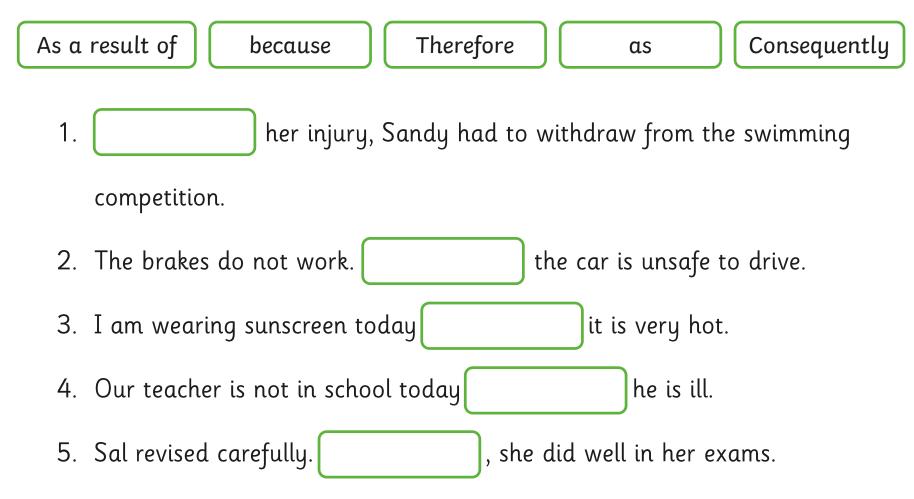
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