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Prepositions are words that connect and build relationships between other words, like nouns and verbs. One type of relationship is *cause and effect* (or result).

In the example below, 'because of' is a prepositional phrase. The first part of the sentence is the cause, and the second part is the effect.

- **Because of** his criminal record, he couldn't find a job.
- Hard work **leads to** success.

In the above example, the preposition '**to**' is added to the verb 'lead' to create the cause and effect meaning. Hard work is the *cause*, and success is the *effect*.

In the example below, the preposition '**for**' is joined by the reason to create the cause and effect meaning. In this sentence, horrible traffic is the *cause* and the late arrival is the *effect*.

- The **reason for** my late arrival is the horrible traffic.

## Preposition phrases

Here are more examples of prepositional phrases that can create the cause and effect meaning.

Compound preposition phrase	Example
As a result of	<b>As a result of</b> his hard work, he received a very generous scholarship.
Because of	<b>Because of</b> the storm, I could not leave my house.
As a consequence of	<b>As a consequence of</b> not going to class, he failed the exam.
Due to	<b>Due to</b> his poor attendance, he was not able to take the final exam.

## Verb + preposition

Here are examples of [verbs](#) followed by prepositions that create the same meaning.

Verb + preposition Example

To lead to                *Her drug abuse is going to **lead to** going to jail.*

To result from        *His difficulty at school **results from** his unfortunate situation at home.*

To result in            *The bus accident **resulted in** the deaths of 15 people.*

## Noun + preposition

Finally, here are examples of [nouns](#) followed by prepositions that create the cause effect meaning.

Noun + preposition Example

Reason for             *The **reason for** his poor grades is his lack of motivation.*

Result of               *A **result of** our decision not to buy food was that we ran out of food.*

Effect of                *An **effect of** the long winter was an increase in the number of people with depression.*

Causes of               *The **cause of** the fire was determined to be a cigarette.*

Consequence of      *A **consequence of** not paying your taxes is not having access to public services.*

Note: After prepositions, it is always necessary to use a noun. This may require changing a verb from a full form ('pay') to the gerund form ('paying').

- *A consequence of not paying your bills on time is having your electricity cut off.*

Watch this video from Ustazy to see the conjunctions of cause and effect in use:

Learn more about cause and effect relationship:

[Linking Words of Cause and Effect](#)

[Adverb Clauses of Cause, Result and Comparison](#)