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Reader’s Notebook: Looking for Signal Words and Phrases

**Part 1**

While watching the movie, Cause and Effect, you will explore different examples of cause and effect within a sentence. This video will introduce you to signal words and phrases that will help you identify causes and effects in text. Record these signal words and phrases below:

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| if, then, so, since, because, so that, due to, as a result |

**Part 2**

As you read Ask an Astronaut on pages 152 to 156 of Literacy in Action, look for examples of cause and effect and sequencing words such as: when, because, after, as, and eventually. Copy sentences into spaces below, then identify the cause, effect and sequencing words in each. Use the two examples as a guide.

Example:

Sentence: **Because the computer was unplugged, it was not working.**

Cause: **The computer was unplugged.**

Effect: **It was not working.**

Sequencing Words: **Because**

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| Sentence: | As a result, we often have headaches due to sinus pain and inflammation. |
| Cause: | Sinus pain and inflammation |
| Effect: | headaches |
| Sequencing Words: | As a result, due to |

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| Sentence: | On Earth, dust falls gently to the ground, so we have to dust, sweep, and vacuum often. |
| Cause: | dust falls gently to the ground, |
| Effect: | we have to dust, sweep, and vacuum often |
| Sequencing Words: | so |

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| Sentence: | In space, since we are weightless, nothing ever falls to the floor. |
| Cause: | we are weightless, |
| Effect: | nothing ever falls to the floor |
| Sequencing Words: | since |

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| Sentence: | As dust slowly drifts around in the air, it gets caught in the filters of our fans. |
| Cause: | dust slowly drifts around in the air |
| Effect: | it gets caught in the filters of our fans |
| Sequencing Words: | as |

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| Sentence: | Eating in space is certainly different from eating on Earth, mainly because of the absence of gravity. |
| Cause: | Gravity is absent |
| Effect: | Eating in space is certainly different from eating on Earth |
| Sequencing Words: | because |

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