

Unit 3

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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:

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**

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

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

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

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

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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