

## Sentence Structure

### Causes

We're going to start reviewing sentence structure!

To do this we have to be aware of three important things:

- 1) the relationship between ideas
- 2) what clauses are
- 3) the difference between verb clauses and noun clauses

conjunction	verb or noun	example
<b>because</b> <b>due to the fact that</b>	verb clause	<i>Paul felt sick <b>because</b> he ate 2.5kgs of chocolate.</i>  Paul was admitted to Cambridge <b>because</b> his parents are <u>friendly</u> with the director.  Paul is very poor <b>because</b> <u>he was sacked</u> .  Paul is very unhappy <b>because</b> <u>he was ill</u> .
<b>due to</b> <b>owing to</b> <b>because of</b> <b>as a result of</b>	noun clause - often with gerunds (the noun form of a verb + verb+ ing )	<i>Paul felt sick <b>due to</b> <u>eating</u> 2.5kgs of chocolate.</i>  <b>Common error - no noun phrase:</b> <i>Paul felt sick <del>due to he ate</del> 2.5kgs of chocolate.</i>  Paul was admitted to Cambridge <b>due to</b> his parents being friendly with the director.  Paul is very poor <b>due to</b> <u>being sacked</u> .

<p><b>by means of</b></p>		<p>Paul is very unhappy to <b>due to</b> <u>being ill</u>.</p> <p>Paul lost his fortune <b>by means of</b> some terrible investment decisions.</p> <p>Paul lost his fortune <b>because</b> he made some terrible investment decisions.</p>
<p><b>following</b></p> <p><b>be careful - just means 'after'</b></p>	<p>noun clause</p>	<p>Paul went to the hospital following a fall.</p> <p>Paul went for a walk following a light lunch.</p>

### be - changes to 'being' in a noun clause

- be - adjectives: I **am** happy. He **is** ugly. She **was** wonderful. The food in Afghanistan **is** fantastic.

**In noun clause:** Paul missed his appointment, as a result of **being** unwell.

- be - passive: be + past participle: He **was** shot by a soldier. They **were** seen by the doctor last night.

**In noun clause:** Paul couldn't walk for 6 months, as a result of **being** hit by a bus.

### There is/There are

- I moved to Manchester **because** there are lots of great restaurants here.
- I moved to Manchester **due to** there being lots of great restaurants here.
- The police arrived **because** there were lots of people in the street

## Exercise

1. I broke my wrist. I had surgery.
2. There was a knocking sound. John answered the door.
3. The music was too loud. Sarah turned it down.
4. Harold was arrested. He spent the night in jail.
5. All of my socks had holes in. I went to the clothes shop.

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## Answers

1. I broke my wrist. I had surgery.
  - I had surgery due to breaking my wrist.
  - I had surgery because I broke my wrist.
  - As a result of breaking my wrist I had surgery.
  
2. There was a knocking sound. John answered the door.
  - John answered the door due to the knocking sound.
  - John answered the door because there was a knocking sound.
  - John answered the door following a knocking sound.
  
3. The music was too loud. Sarah turned it down.
  - As a result of the music being too loud, Sarah turned it down.
  - Sarah turned the music down because it was too loud.
  - Sarah turned down the music due to it being too loud.
  
4. Harold was arrested. He spent the night in jail.
  - As a result of being arrested Harold spent the night in jail.
  - Harold spent the night in jail because he was arrested.
  - Harold spent the night in jail due to being arrested.
  
5. All of my socks had holes in. I went to the clothes shop.
  - I went to the clothes shop as a result of all of my socks having holes in.
  - I went to the clothes shop because all of my socks had holes in.
  - Due to all of my socks having holes in I went to the clothes shop.