

## Sentence Structure

We're going to start reviewing sentence structure!

To do this we have to understand 4 important things:

<b>The relationship between ideas</b>	<i><b><u>John had an operation although his mobility had improved.</u></b></i>
<b>What a clause is</b>	A clause is a section of a sentence which contains a complete idea
<b>The difference between a verb clause and a noun clause – and which linking phrases require them</b>	<p><u>verb clause</u>: a section of a sentence that contains either subject + verb or object + verb</p> <p><b>Two verb clauses:</b> <i><b><u>John had an operation although his mobility had improved.</u></b></i></p> <p><u>noun clause</u>: a section of a sentence that contains either noun or noun phrase</p> <p><i><b>Nurses take the OET exam due to <u>the NMC's requirements.</u></b></i></p>
<b>The way the verb 'be' is used in various sentences / forms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passive: be + past participle</li> <li>• adjectives: is happy / was sad</li> <li>• there is / there are: There is a big cat in my garden.</li> <li>• noun form: being</li> </ul>

## Causes

Linking Phrase	verb or noun	example
<p><b>because</b></p> <p><b>due to the fact that</b> <b>owing to the fact that</b></p>	<p>verb clauses</p>	<p>Using <b>because is easy because we have used</b> it many times in the past.</p> <p>John <b>had</b> an operation on his hand <b>because his range of motion was</b> not good.</p> <p>John <b>had</b> an operation on his hand <b>because he had</b> limited range of motion.</p> <p>Mr Smith's operation <b>was cancelled because</b> there <b>was</b> a shortage of surgeons</p>
<p><b>due to</b> <b>owing to</b> <b>as a result of</b> <b>because of</b></p> <p><b>Can come at the beginning or in the middle (but not because of)</b></p>	<p>followed by noun clause</p>	<p>John <b>had</b> an operation on his hand <b>due to his range of motion not being good.</b></p> <p>John <b>had</b> an operation on his hand <b>due to having limited range of motion.</b></p> <p>Paul <b>was admitted to</b> hospital <b>due to</b> <del>he had</del> <b>an infection.</b></p> <p>Mr Smith's operation <b>was cancelled owing to</b> a shortage of surgeons.</p> <p><b>Owing to / as a result of</b> a shortage of surgeons, Mr Smith's operation <b>was cancelled.</b></p>
<p><b>following</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- after/next</li> <li>- <b>not because!</b></li> </ul>	<p>noun clause</p>	<p><b>Following</b> a car accident, Sarah <b>was taken</b> to hospital.</p>

### Exercise 1

Use the prompts below to write sentences with a focus on causes. Try and write them with both verb clauses and noun clauses:

Idea	Verb clause	Noun clause
1. I broke my wrist. I had surgery.		
2. He had high blood pressure. John was prescribed with hypertensives.		
3. The ECG produced inconsistent results. It was repaired.		
4. He had an inoperable tumour. Bert underwent chemotherapy.		
5. His ears were damaged by listening to loud music. John got a hearing aid.		

## Results

Linking Phrase	verb or noun	example
<p>Consequently, As a result, and as a result, Therefore, , as a result of which due to which, ,which is why As a result of this,</p>	verb	<p>The ECG was repaired <b>because</b> it produced inconsistent results.</p> <p>The ECG <b>produced</b> inconsistent results <b>and consequently</b>, it <b>was repaired</b>.</p> <p>The ECG <b>produced</b> inconsistent results. <b>As a result</b>, it <b>was repaired</b>.</p> <p>The ECG <b>produced</b> inconsistent results <b>and as a result</b>, it <b>was repaired</b>.</p>
<p>, resulting in , which resulted in , which led to , leading to</p> <p>- when inserting pronoun in result, always use object pronoun:</p> <p>him her me</p>	noun	<p>The ECG <b>produced</b> inconsistent results, <b>resulting in it being repaired</b>.</p> <p>The ECG <b>produced</b> inconsistent results, <b>which resulted in it being repaired</b>.</p> <p>The ECG <b>produced</b> inconsistent results, <b>leading to it being repaired</b>.</p> <p><i>Mrs Smith / URTI symptoms / Review / GP</i></p> <p>Mrs Smith <b>had</b> URTI symptoms and as a result, she <b>was reviewed</b> by her GP.</p> <p>Mrs Smith <b>had</b> URTI symptoms, resulting in her being reviewed by her GP.</p> <p>Mrs Smith <b>had</b> URTI symptoms, resulting in her having a review by her GP.</p> <p>Mrs Smith <b>had</b> URTI symptoms, resulting in her GP reviewing her.</p>

## Exercise 2

Use the prompts below to write sentences. Choose to focus on cause or result as you wish!

- 1) John Edwards/chemotherapy/start/5 days ago/nausea
- 2) experience/acute pain/stomach ulcer/meal times/Sarah Johnson
- 3) blurred vision/work accident/Bruce Roberts /signed off/ 4 weeks

## Exercise 3

Look for opportunities to use causes / results:

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| <p>1) Three years ago Mr Green fell off his bicycle when he was riding to work. He was taken to hospital. He had a number of serious injuries, including a pneumothorax. He was treated with tube insertion and given supplemental oxygen. He recovered well. Now he takes the train to work. It is less dangerous!</p> |
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| <p>2) Sarah Johnson has eczema. She uses ointment every day. Occasionally she has flare ups. She goes to a dermatologist for treatment. Last time she had a flare up it was severe. The dermatologist prescribed corticosteroids and her arm was wrapped in wet gauze.</p> |
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## Answers

### Exercise 1

Idea	Verb clause	Noun clause
1. I broke my wrist. I had surgery.	I had surgery <b>because</b> I broke my wrist.	I had surgery <b>due to</b> breaking my wrist.
2. He had high blood pressure. John was prescribed with hypertensives.	John was prescribed with hypertensives <b>because</b> he had high blood pressure.	<b>As a result of</b> having high blood pressure, John was prescribed with hypertensives.
3. The ECG produced inconsistent results. It was repaired.	The ECG was repaired <b>because</b> it produced inconsistent results.	The ECG was repaired <b>due to</b> producing inconsistent results.
4. He had an inoperable tumour. Bert underwent chemotherapy.	Bert underwent chemotherapy <b>because</b> he had an inoperable tumor.	Bert underwent chemotherapy <b>as a result of</b> having an inoperable tumor.
5. His ears were damaged by listening to loud music. John got a hearing aid.	John got a hearing aid <b>because</b> his ears were damaged by listening to loud music.	<b>Owing to</b> damaging his ears by listening to loud music, John got a hearing aid.

### Exercise 2

1) John Edwards/chemotherapy/start/5 days ago/nausea

- John Edwards commenced chemotherapy 5 days ago, **resulting in** nausea.
- John was feeling nausea **due to** chemotherapy, **which** was started 5 days ago.
- John Edwards stopped chemo 5 days ago **due to** nausea
- **Due to the fact that** John Edwards started chemotherapy 5 days ago, he has nausea.

2) experience/acute pain/stomach ulcer/meal times/Sarah Johnson

- Sarah Johnson has been experiencing acute pain at meal times **due to** having a stomach ulcer.
- **As a result of** having a stomach ulcer, Sarah Johnson has been experiencing acute pain at meal times.
- Sarah Johnson has a stomach ulcer, **and as a result**, she has been experiencing acute pain at meal times.
- Sarah Johnson has a stomach ulcer, **resulting in** (her experiencing) acute pain at meal times.

3) blurred vision/work accident/Bruce Roberts /signed off/ 4 weeks

- Bruce Roberts has developed blurred vision **due to** a work accident, **and as a result**, he has been signed off for 4 weeks.
- Bruce Roberts has been signed off for 4 weeks **due to** having blurred eyes, **as a result of** a work accident

### Exercise 3

1) Three years ago Mr Green fell off his bicycle when he was riding to work. He was taken to hospital. He had a number of serious injuries, including a pneumothorax. He was treated with tube insertion and given supplemental oxygen. He recovered well. Now he takes the train to work. It is less dangerous!

- Mr Green was taken to hospital **because** he fell off his bicycle when he was riding to work.
- Mr Green was taken to hospital **as a result of** *his serious injuries, including pneumothorax*.
- **As a result of** *having a pneumothorax*, he was treated with tube insertion and given supplemental oxygen.
- He takes the bus now **because** it is less dangerous than cycling.
- He takes the bus now **due to** *it being less dangerous than cycling*.

2) Sarah Johnson has eczema. She uses ointment every day. Occasionally she has flare ups. She goes to a dermatologist for treatment. Last time she had a flare up it was severe. The dermatologist prescribed corticosteroids and her arm was wrapped in wet gauze.

- **As a result of** *having eczema*, Sarah Johnson uses ointment every day.
- **Due to** *having occasional flare ups*, she goes to a dermatologist for treatment.
- She has occasional flare ups **and as a result**, she goes to a dermatologist for treatment.
- Her last flare up was severe, **resulting in** *her being prescribed with corticosteroids and her arm being wrapped in wet gauze*.
- Her arm was wrapped in wet gauze **due to** *her having a severe flare up*.