

Sentence Structure

We're going to start reviewing sentence structure!

To do this we have to understand 4 important things:

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

Causes

Linking Phrase	verb or noun	example
<p>because</p> <p>due to the fact that owing to the fact that</p>	<p>verb clauses</p>	<p>Using because is easy because we have used it many times in the past.</p> <p>John had an operation on his hand because his range of motion was not good.</p> <p>John had an operation on his hand because he had limited range of motion.</p> <p>Mr Smith's operation was cancelled because there was a shortage of surgeons</p>
<p>due to owing to as a result of because of</p> <p>Can come at the beginning or in the middle (but not because of)</p>	<p>followed by noun clause</p>	<p>John had an operation on his hand due to his range of motion not being good.</p> <p>John had an operation on his hand due to having limited range of motion.</p> <p>Paul was admitted to hospital due to he had an infection.</p> <p>Mr Smith's operation was cancelled owing to a shortage of surgeons.</p> <p>Owing to / as a result of a shortage of surgeons, Mr Smith's operation was cancelled.</p>
<p>following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - after/next - not because! 	<p>noun clause</p>	<p>Following a car accident, Sarah was taken 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 because it produced inconsistent results.</p> <p>The ECG produced inconsistent results and consequently, it was repaired.</p> <p>The ECG produced inconsistent results. As a result, it was repaired.</p> <p>The ECG produced inconsistent results and as a result, it was repaired.</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 produced inconsistent results, resulting in it being repaired.</p> <p>The ECG produced inconsistent results, which resulted in it being repaired.</p> <p>The ECG produced inconsistent results, leading to it being repaired.</p> <p><i>Mrs Smith / URTI symptoms / Review / GP</i></p> <p>Mrs Smith had URTI symptoms and as a result, she was reviewed by her GP.</p> <p>Mrs Smith had URTI symptoms, resulting in her being reviewed by her GP.</p> <p>Mrs Smith had URTI symptoms, resulting in her having a review by her GP.</p> <p>Mrs Smith had 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

Answers

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