

Year 3 Using Conjunctions to Express Cause – Guidance for Parents/Carers

Activity:

The aim of this activity is for children to practise using conjunctions to express cause. There are three questions to complete. The first two questions allow children to practise the skill, while the third question extends them as they have to apply their learning to get the answer.

Vocabulary:

A **clause** contains a subject and a verb. For example: The child ran. 'The child' is the subject and 'ran' is the verb. There are **main clauses** and **subordinate clauses**.

A **main clause** is a group of words that make sense on their own. It has a subject (the person or thing that does an action) and verb (the action). For example, Adam eats bananas.

A **subordinate clause** contains a subject and a verb, but it does not make sense on its own. It needs to be attached to a **main clause**. For example: I read books **when I have free time**.

A **conjunction** is a word used to join two clauses. There are different kinds of conjunction such as for time (e.g. **after**), place (e.g. **where**) and cause (e.g. **because**).

A **subordinating conjunction** is a conjunction that introduces a subordinating clause, for example: although, because.

Other resources:

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1. It was still early, yet we were all ready for bed after our walk.
Our pitch is waterlogged due to the amount of rain we have had.
We are going to be late for school as we have missed the bus!
2. My leg was hurting, so I went to the doctor.
3. Various answers, for example: We listened carefully, for he had news to share.
We listened carefully because he had news to share.