



SIGNAL WORDS

Video: Elements of Destruction *Cause-Effect Relationships Nonfiction Text Structure* *(multiple causes – single effect)*



This is a list of some commonly used words authors use to signal Cause-Effect Nonfiction Text Structure. It is the structure that authors use when they want to describe what causes an event and what happens as an effect of that event.

The words in the left column signal a *cause*. The words in the right column signal an *effect*. When you begin looking for these words as you read, you will notice they signal relationships between key concepts or ideas that the author is writing about.

You may want to consider using these words in your own writing or speaking when you want to explain a cause-effect relationship.

Cause	Effect
account of	as a result of
because	consequently
bring about	effect
cause	for this reason
due to	hence
for this reason	outcome
give rise to	then
if	therefore
in order to	thus
led to	so
since	subsequently