

Recognizing

Cause & Effect

the reason for an action,
event, or decision

what happened as a
result of the cause

Look for Cause & Effect key words

as a result of
because
because of
by virtue of
consequently
due to

due to the fact
on account of
owing to
resulting in
seeing that
since

so
thanks to
the reason for
therefore
whereas
which means

Think about sentence structure

Sometimes, the Cause comes first in the sentence.

All of the students ride a bus to school so the bike racks have been removed.

The students made a thousand dollars in their candy sale which means they get to go on their trip.

Sometimes, the Effect comes first in the sentence.

The students were given bag lunches because the electricity was out in the cafeteria.

All of the students can eat in the cafeteria thanks to the donation of ten new tables.