

## CAUSE AND EFFECT - Sentence Patterns

Causes and effects connect events or situations.

**Causes** explain why something happens. **Effects** describe outcomes / results.

The atmosphere **causes**  
**produces**  
**induces** weathering.

Repeated expanding and contracting of a rock **results in** physical weathering.

*If we ask: "How is an effect produced?" or "What is it caused by?", we expect the answer beginning with the effect.*

Physical weathering is also **caused**  
**produced** **by** frozen water.  
**induced**

I could not teach last week **because of**  
**due to** my illness.  
My absence was **a result of**

*You can also express this by two clauses:*

*a) beginning with a cause*

**If/When/As** you do something, it has an effect.

As the plants grow, their roots push against the sides of the cracks.

*b) beginning with an effect*

Something happens, **if/when/as** you do certain things.

Pieces of rocks finally break off **when** the surface of the rock weakens.

You'll catch a cold, if you don't wear a cap! (mum's warning)