

3. CAUSE-EFFECT RELATIONS (Oraciones subordinadas causales)

3.1 BECAUSE = porque

AS = puesto que

SINCE = ya que

POSITION: CONJUNCTION - Beginning or middle of the sentence (+ SUBJECT + VERB)

The prices are higher **because/as/since** the demand has increased.

As we didn't have enough money, we didn't go to the cinema.

Since he was interested in movies, he studied Dramatic Art.

3.2 BECAUSE OF = a causa de

OWING TO/ DUE TO =debido a

POSITION: followed by a NOUN or NOUN PHRASE

The prices are higher **because of** an increase in demand.

owing to

due to

3.3 THEREFORE, SO, THUS, = por lo tanto, así que

FOR THIS REASON, = por este motivo

BECAUSE OF THIS, = a causa de esto

AS A RESULT, = como resultado

CONSEQUENTLY, = como consecuencia

POSITION: CONJUNCT- Beginning of the sentence. Followed by a comma.

The demand has increased. **Therefore**, the prices are higher.(...)

3.4 VERBS such as: CAUSE, RESULT IN (ocasionar), LEAD TO (llevar), PRODUCE

An increase in demand often **causes** higher prices.

results in

leads to

produces

4. RESULT CLAUSES (Oraciones subordinadas consecutivas)

4.1 SO = así que

The lecture was boring, **so** some of the students began to fall asleep.

He didn't study at all, **so** he didn't pass his exam

4.2 SUCH + NOUN

Subject + verb + **SUCH+** (a/an) + (**adjective**) + **NOUN** + **THAT** + clause

She is **such** an intelligent girl **that** everybody admires her.

It's **such** an interesting book **that** you should read it.

It is **such** a sunny day **that** we can have lunch outside.

They are **such** nice people **that** I'm always happy to see them. (plural)

Mary bought **such** nice shoes **that** she put them on as soon as she arrived home. (plural)

SUCH is also used in exclamations with an intensifying effect:

He's **such** an idiot! (without adjective)

They are **such** idiots! (and without a/an with plural nouns or uncountable nouns)

We had **such** fun!

4.3 SO + ADJECTIVE / ADVERB

Subject + verb + **SO+** **ADJECTIVE/ADVERB** + **THAT** + clause

The film was **so** sad **that** it made me cry.

She was **so** ill **that** we had to call the doctor.

He drives **so** fast **that** he could have an accident.

The house was **so** expensive **that** we couldn't afford to buy it.

= It was **such** an expensive house **that** we couldn't afford to buy it.

His feet are **so** big **that** he can't find shoes to fit him.

= He has got **such** big feet **that** he can't find shoes to fit him.

4.4 SO MUCH / SO MANY

Subject + verb + **SO MUCH / SO MANY** + **NOUN** + **THAT** + clause

She has **so much** money **that** she doesn't know what to do with it.

He drank **so much** (alcohol) **that** he felt really bad.

They have **so many** books **that** they need their own library.

ACTIVITIES: CAUSE-EFFECT RELATIONS

1. Copy and complete these sentences with the information given below.

CAUSE: I love science Fiction.

EFFECT: I decided to read this novel

- a) Since ,
- b) because
- c) As a result
- d) As ,
- e) so
- f) Consequently,

2. Join the beginnings (1-5) of the sentences to the endings(a-e) using **as, because, so, therefore or consequently.**

1. We were exhausted	a. He kept on asking questions
2. Sheila was driving so fast	b. I bought a nice present for them
3. The woman was carrying a heavy bag	c. I offered to help her
4. I wanted to give my friends a surprise	d. She had an accident
5. Phil couldn't understand anything	e. WE preferred to stay at home

3. **CAUSE-EFFECT RELATIONS: Translate into English**

- 1.- Debido a mi excelente conocimiento de inglés, creo que estoy preparado para trabajar en el extranjero.
- 2.- La gente debería comer menos comida basura, ya que es poco saludable.
- 3.- No puedo concentrarme por todo el ruido que hay fuera, pues están construyendo un puente.

- 4.- Muchos países no pueden sobrevivir a causa de la falta de recursos
- 5.- Mis amigos no la aguantan por su mal genio.
- 6.- Suspendí el examen por mi falta de esfuerzo.
- 7.- El centro comercial estaba abarrotado debido a las rebajas.
- 8.- No te daré nada de dinero porque no te lo mereces
- 9.- Mucha gente está en paro debido a la crisis económica
- 10.- Perdimos el partido a causa de la mala suerte y nuestra falta de motivación.

ACTIVITIES: RESULT CLAUSES

1. Rewrite these sentences using **SO/ SUCH and THAT.**

- 1 He was a religious man. He used to go to church every day.
- 2 It was a long journey. We arrived exhausted.
- 3 The weather was awful. We stayed at home all day.
- 4 They hadn't seen you for ages. They couldn't recognise you.
- 5 The thief was very careful. The police couldn't catch him.
- 6 She bought very nice shoes. Her sister wanted to put them on.

2. **SO/ SUCH(A): Rewrite these sentences.**

- 1.- She's got an excellent English accent. Everyone thinks she is British.
(so)
- (such)
- 2.- The exam was very difficult. As a consequence, nobody passed it.
(so)
- (such)

RESULT: Translate into English

- 1.- Estoy tan preocupado/a que no me apetece salir.
- 2.- Tengo tantos libros en casa que tengo poco espacio.
- 3.- Tengo tanto trabajo que no tengo tiempo para descansar.
- 4.- Mis profesores son tan exigentes que tenemos que estudiar los días.
- 6.- Mi ordenador es tan antiguo que ya no puedo instalar ningún programa nuevo.
- 8.- En España disfrutamos de un tiempo tan maravilloso que muchos turistas nos visitan todos los años.

4. PURPOSE AND REASON: complete with:

to/so as not to/so that/for/because/because of

- 1 He never talks about his private life _____ protect his family.
- 2 they had to make a lot of workers redundant _____ the company could survive.
- 3 We always lock all the windows _____ there have been burglaries near here.
- 4 When she asked me if I liked her dress, I told a white lie _____ hurt her feelings.
- 5 We were very late for the concert _____ the terrible traffic.
- 6 The family paid the kidnappers a lot of money _____ their son would be released unharmed.
- 7 My brother is saving _____ a new bike.
- 8 I'm going to work late on Friday night _____ have to do any work at the weekend.
- 9 I'll send him an e-mail _____ tell him when we're coming.
- 10 He's been very depressed recently _____ his job.