Academic Word List- Vocabulary Expressing Cause and Effect Worksheet 1 – Cause and effect phrases presentation

**Put one word into each of the sentences below**
- Unifying the two theories led ______ to completely unexpected conclusions.
- As a consequence ______ this use of symbolism, even non-experts were drawn to his prose.
- Not choosing a successor resulted ______ a chaotic civil war.
- Owing ______ a somewhat slapdash approach to statistics, his research was almost completely ignored during his lifetime.
- Because ______ insufficient references to original sources, I failed the assignment.

**Correct the mistakes**
- The action positively effected the sustainability of the project.
- The government decided to discontinue the subsidies. Because income transfers to poor people are more efficient.
- The chemicals proved to be unstable. So, I tried another way.

**Do the following have the same or different meanings? (If there are more than two, they all have the same or all have different meanings).**
- We had to support it on a special stand because it was spherical./ Because it was spherical, we had to support it on a special stand.
- The opposition took the strategic decision to work with the government because there were riots in the streets./ Because the opposition took the strategic decision to work with the government, there were riots in the streets.
- The manager affected the change in strategy./ The manager effected the change in strategy.
- Because the topic of the essay wasn’t specified, I reused something from my undergraduate dissertation./ Since the topic of the essay wasn’t specified, I reused something from my undergraduate dissertation./ As the topic of the essay wasn’t specified, I reused something from my undergraduate dissertation./ The topic of the essay wasn’t specified, so I reused something from my undergraduate dissertation.
- It was solely my responsibility, so I resigned./ It was solely my responsibility. Therefore, I resigned.
- A cause of…/ The cause of…

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Worksheet 2 – Cause and effect phrases practice

What are the trends in these things in your country and/ or the world, the reasons for it and the consequences? Choose one and try to explain those three things, then your partner will add anything that they think you have missed.

- abandoned pets
- interest in abstract art
- funding for academic institutions
- accessibility for disabled people
- accessibility of academic research
- inaccurate statistics in newspapers
- acquisition of domestic companies by foreign ones
- inadequate accommodation
- number of adjacent public holidays
- adjustments in the tax code
- administration in schools
- advocates for disabled people
- people unaffected by globalisation
- foreign aid allocated to Africa
- popularity of alternative music
- films with ambiguous endings
- amendments to the constitution
- annual inflation
- appreciation of contemporary art
- approachability of teachers/ lecturers
- inappropriate content for daytime viewing on TV before nine pm
- arbitrary police checks on pedestrians/ cyclists/ motorists
- reassessment of the constitution
- gender reassignment surgery
- assistance for job seekers
- questioning of assumptions in school lessons
- attachment to material things
- attainments by people born in the working class
- attitudes to studying abroad
- income for authors
- respect for authority
- automation of household jobs
- availability of graduate jobs
- awareness of LGBT issues
- welfare benefits
- biased TV programmes
- strength of family bonds
- capabilities of school leavers
- capacity of the government to deal with natural disasters
- the level of challenge of university entrance exams
- channelling of funds to the private sector due to political connections
- totally uncharted areas of the ocean floor

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- chemicals in the air
- citations of one person, e.g. Noam Chomsky
- people reading the classics
- coherent plans in political manifestos
- belief in coin-cidence (rather than fate or luck)
- online political commentary
- men’s interest in commitment
- the price of one commodity
- feelings of community
- availability of incompatible technologies
- couples who are incompatible
- worker compensation
- sales of music compilations
- the complexity of operating electrical goods
- books which claim to be comprehensive guides
- computational power in the typical desktop computer
- children’s powers of concentration
- interest in conceptual art
- publishing of inconclusive research (e.g. in your field)
- academics holding two or more jobs concurrently
- improper conduct by academics
- unconfirmed reports of UFOs
- armed conflict
- conflict in the workplace
- conformity
- consensus-seeking in business
- negative consequences of global warming
- inconsistency by politicians
- constraints on academics
- construction
- use of consultants
- consumption
- consumer power
- use of contractors (= outsourcing)
- acceptance of mutually contradictory points of view
- contributions to society by young people
- political controversies
- unconventional thinking by young people
- religious conversion
- people who are unconvincing by any political parties
- cooperation between the public and private sectors

All the sentences have vocabulary from the Academic Word List in italics. Ask your partner then the class to explain any that you don’t understand.

What language did you use to talk about the trends? What other words and phrases have the same meanings?

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