

Directions: Cause-and-Effect Signal Words

Individual ●

Reproduce Signal Words Fill-in-the-Blanks 1 and 2 on pages 13 and 14 for each student. Have the students fill in the blanks with the correct choices from the word bank. Explain that in some cases, more than one choice will fit in a blank. Remind students that it is important to reread each sentence with the selected choice to make sure the sentence makes sense.

Small Group ●●

Divide students into pairs or small groups. Reproduce Signal Words Fill-in-the-Blanks 1 or 2 for each student in the group. Have the students work together to fill in the blanks with the correct choices. Then, have students discuss the answer for each sentence. Encourage students to read the complete sentence when giving their answer. Often, students are more aware of the appropriateness of their answer when they hear it in context. Next, ask the students to discuss and label the parts of each sentence (cause or effect).

Whole Class ●●●

Reproduce Signal Words Fill-in-the-Blanks 1 or 2 on a transparency. Write each of the words from the word banks on index cards, and place the cards in a bag or box. Divide the class into two teams. Explain that they will play a game locating the best sentence to fit each signal word. Have a student from each team come to the front and draw a card from the bag. The first person to say which sentence is a good fit for the word wins a point for his or her team. Continue with students from each team taking turns choosing a card.

Game tip: Some students will find it easier to have a copy of the transparency as a worksheet they can follow on their own desk. This may be the case for students with visual tracking difficulties or low vision.

As an alternative game, ask students to state a cause-and-effect sentence aloud using the words they drew.

Answer Key

Signal Words Fill-in-the-Blanks 1 (Page 13)

1. so
2. because/du e to the fact that/since
3. due to the fact that/because/since
4. Consequently/As a result/Thus/Therefore
5. As a result/Consequently/Thus/Therefore
6. because/du e to the fact that
7. The result/The outcome
8. The result/The outcome
9. Thus/so/therefore
10. because/since/du e to the fact that

Signal Words Fill-in-the-Blanks 2 (Page 14)

1. The reason for
2. Consequently/As a result
3. so
4. because/du e to the fact that
5. as a result/because
6. lead to
7. As a result/Consequently
8. because/du e to the fact that
9. caused
10. The outcome