

## IELTS Speaking Guide: Lesson 5

### Expressing Cause and Effect

**Function:** Expressing Cause and Effect

**Key Words:** Because/since/as

**Expressing Cause and Effect:** Since I won't graduate until June, I hope to find a job in advertising sometime next summer.

*Read the following causes and determine what the effects might be.*

1. Staying up all night. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Forgot your book for class. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ran out of gas in your car. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Your cell phone battery died. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Your computer crashed. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
6. It's freezing cold outside. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Your flight was over-booked. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
8. You arrived late to work. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
9. You caught the flu. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Your refrigerator stopped working. Effect: \_\_\_\_\_

*Finish the sentence according to the prompts given.*

1. While in university, I was interested in \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, I chose to study \_\_\_\_\_.
2. During my school years I never really liked \_\_\_\_\_, so I \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Since rainy days make me feel \_\_\_\_\_, I often \_\_\_\_\_.
4. As cooking is \_\_\_\_\_ in our culture, we \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I find visiting museums \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Sports to me are \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Since my free time is \_\_\_\_\_, I normally \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Painting is something I \_\_\_\_\_, with this in mind, \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
9. My hometown has \_\_\_\_\_, so I would recommend  
\_\_\_\_\_.
10. I've always loved \_\_\_\_\_ music, so \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

***Read through the prompts again. What were the questions asked?***

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

***Read through the following effects and try to determine the cause.***

1. I was soaking wet when I got to work.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. I changed my major from math to English.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. I have to manage my finances carefully.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Traveling is a big part of my life.  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. I never take a taxi.

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6. Eating vegetables with every meal is something I do every day.

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7. I usually go to bed very early.

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8. I have 2 cats and 3 dogs.

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9. We often invite people over for dinner.

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10. We rarely use the air conditioner.

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