Primary 6 Cross-curricular Project

WS 4: Causes and Effects

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***What is a cause and effect relationship?***

A cause and effect relationship occurs when something happens as a result of something else.

***What are causes and effects?***

* A cause is the reason why something happens.
* An effect is the result of what happens.

1. ***Put the following notes in the Cause and Effect Chart.***

**Example:**

1. Hunters killed tigers.

Hunters wanted tigers’ skin and meat.

1. Different countries have new laws for protecting tigers.

People wanted to save the tigers.

1. A lot of people shop online.

Our waste has increased a lot over the past few years.

**Cause and Effect Chart**

**Effects**

Causes

**E.g.** 1. Hunters killed tigers.

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**We can express the cause and effect relationship in different ways:**

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| **Results** | **Signal words** | **Cause** |
| 1. We create greenhouse gases 2. Our planet keeps getting hotter | because  since | we use oil, gas and coal.  greenhouse gases stop heat from escaping the Earth. |
| 1. The ice at the North and South Poles is melting | due to\*  because of\* | global warming. |

*\* We use a noun/noun phrase after it.*

1) We create greenhouse gases **because *we use oil, gas and coal.***

2) Our planet keeps getting hotter **since** ***greenhouse gases stop heat from escaping the Earth.***

3) The ice at the North and South Poles is melting **due to *global warming.***

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| **Cause** | **Signal words** | **Results** |
| 1. We use oil, gas and coal. 2. Greenhouse gases stop heat from escaping the Earth. | As a result,  Consequently,  Therefore, | we create greenhouse gases.  our planet keeps getting hotter. |
| 1. Global warming | causes **^** | the ice at the North and South Poles to melt. |

**^** *We use a noun/noun phrase before it and change the verb to the “to-infinitive” form.*

1) ***We*** ***use oil, gas and coal.* As a result,** we create greenhouse gases.

2) ***Greenhouse gases stop heat from escaping the Earth.* Consequently,**our planet keeps getting hotter***.***

3) ***Global warming*** **causes** the ice at the North and South Poles to melt.

1. ***Join the above sentences using suitable signal words to show the relationship between causes and effects.***

E.g. Hunters killed tigers since they wanted tigers’ skin and meat.

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1. ***Read the following text. Identify the causes and effects of the problem mentioned by circling the signal words*.**

*For your reference*:

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| Look for signal words for causes and effects:  because  since/as  thanks to  because of  due to  as a result  consequently  so  therefore  cause  reason |

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| How can we help reduce the amount of rubbish in Hong Kong?  Before we come up with any solutions, let’s dig into the root of the problem.  There are many causes leading to this problem. Firstly, people do not want to dine out under the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, they order delivered food online instead. This produces a lot of waste like polystyrene boxes, plastic utensils and plastic bags. To make matters worse, set meals include drinks in disposable cans, bottles and cartons. For this reason, the amount of rubbish has increased.  Secondly, online shopping has become a popular trend in Hong Kong. As prices have become lower and more choices of goods have become available in online shops, many people buy more than they really need. Such goods are delivered with a lot of packaging. The lockdown during the pandemic has made the situation worse.  Thirdly, people buy more food than they can eat. As a result, a lot of unspoilt food is often thrown away. This makes up more than 25% of solid waste. |

1. ***Use yellow to highlight the causes.***

***Use green to highlight the effects.***

1. ***Complete the chart below with the information in the text on page 3.***

**Cause and Effect Chart**

**Effects**

Causes

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