



Cause and Effect

INTERMEDIATE

Structuring an essay - Some examples of how to start your paragraphs.

INTRODUCTION

- Background** **B** Over the past few decades/years, _____ [topic] _____ **has/have** _____ [past participle] _____
- Issue** **I** Currently, some people argue that _____ [paraphrase issue from question] _____
- Thesis** **T** This essay will discuss the causes and effects of _____ [topic] _____

CAUSES

- Topic Sentence** **T** There are obvious causes of _____ [topic - noun phrase] _____
- Idea** **I** The most detrimental is _____ [sentence] _____
- Explain/Example** **E** [explain] _____ For example, _____
- Topic Sentence** **T** Another cause is _____ [noun phrase] _____
- Explain/Extend** **E** [explain] _____ . [Extend] _____

EFFECTS

- Topic Sentence** **T** There are several (negative/positive) effects of [topic – noun phrase] _____
- Idea** **I** Firstly, _____
- Explain/Extend** **E** [Explain], _____ [Extend] _____
- Idea** **I** Secondly, _____
- Explain/Extend** **E** [Explain], _____ [Extend] _____

CONCLUSION

- Restate Thesis** **R** In conclusion, it may seem that _____ but I think that _____
- Recommendation** **R** In the future, _____ [needs to, should, must] _____