

Get a Clue

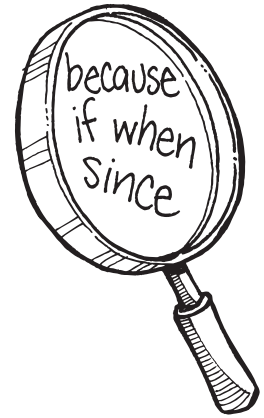
A **cause** is why something happens. Sometimes writers use clue words such as *because*, *when*, *if*, and *since* to signal a cause.

EXAMPLE Cara took a nap *because* she was tired.
"She was tired" tells why Cara took a nap.

When Robby fell from his bike he started to cry.
"Robby fell from his bike" tells why he cried.

If Niloufar spells the word correctly, then she wins the spelling bee.
"Niloufar spells the word correctly" tells why she wins the spelling bee.

Mary didn't get any allowance *since* she refused to do her chores.
"She refused to do her chores" tells why Mary didn't get any allowance.



Complete each sentence with a cause.

- 1 The party didn't have any music *because* _____
_____.
- 2 *When* Laura _____, everyone laughed.
- 3 *If* _____, then Tim wins a prize.
- 4 Claire didn't go to school *since* _____
_____.
- 5 *Because* _____,
our field trip was cancelled.
- 6 *Since* _____, we stayed at my grandparents' house.
- 7 Alaina started to cry *when* _____
_____.
- 8 I will go to the store *if* _____.