

Cause/Effect Statements

Ref Hsk5 Grammar

..... , — stating the effect before the cause

... .. states the **result first**, then explains it — “the reason (why) ... is that ...” It flips the usual to spotlight the outcome. The second half can also be (purpose) or (intention).

Structure: + Result , / / + Cause

{zh: |tā|he / |zhī suǒ yǐ|the reason why / |chéng gōng|succeeded / , |shì yīn wèi|is because / |hěn|very / |nǚ lì|hard-working / 。 }

The reason he succeeded is that he worked very hard.

{zh: |wǒ|I / |zhī suǒ yǐ|the reason / |gào su|am telling / |nǐ|you / , |shì xiǎng|is to / |ràng|make / |nǐ|you / |xiǎo xīn|careful / 。 }

The reason I'm telling you is to make you careful.

Remember: = run backwards — outcome up front (“the reason X...”), cause behind (“...is that Y”). Use it to put the *result* in the spotlight. Tail variants: (purpose), (intention).

Watch out

- Keep the order: + result, then + cause — don't put the cause first.