

Cause/Effect Statements

HSK 5 Grammar

Use the examples with their context and limits. Recall a sentence before reading the model. Original teaching additions accompany examples adapted from Chinese Grammar Wiki (AllSet Learning, CC BY-NC-SA); see the course reference provenance.

... ... (effect before cause)

■ Put the effect before its proposed reason

- A report explains why a project succeeded.
- – The successful result comes first and its proposed cause follows .

■ Build the form

- The pattern in this lesson is (effect before cause). Locate it in the original interlinear examples below.
- Keep the words in their demonstrated positions; the pattern must fit the intended situation as well as the sentence form.

tā zhī suǒ yǐ chéng gōng shì yīn wèi nǚ lì

Word guide: – he; – the reason ... is; – succeed; – is because; – hard work.

■ Read examples in context

- In the opening example, : The successful result comes first and its proposed cause follows .
- Explain who acts, what is described and which time or group is relevant before choosing an English paraphrase.

■ Know the boundary

- The grammar organises an explanation.
- The causal claim still needs evidence; the construction does not prove it.

■ Use the distinction

- The successful result comes first and its proposed cause follows .
- The grammar organises an explanation. The causal claim still needs evidence; the construction does not prove it.

■ Try it with help closed

A report explains why a project succeeded. Close the examples. Say a Mandarin response, then write it in Chinese. Explain briefly in English what the lesson's pattern adds. Compare with the model, then change one detail and try again.

One possible response:

- My response conveys a message that fits the opening situation.
- I can explain the meaning of the pattern, rather than only naming it.
- The grammar organises an explanation.
- The causal claim still needs evidence; the construction does not prove it.
- I tried a second response with a name, time, place, or description changed.

Practise this pattern step by step.