

Cause/Effect Statements

Ref Hsk6 Grammar

() , — “because ..., (one) thereby ...”

() is a formal cause-and-effect frame: states the cause, and introduces the resulting action or state — “because of X, (one) therefore Y.” In this written style often shortens to just , giving a tighter sentence.

Structure: Subject + () + Cause + + Result

{zh: |wǒ|I / |yīn wèi|because / |shēng bìng|got ill / |ér|so / |qǐng jià|took leave / 。 }

Because I got ill, I took time off.

{zh: |Ōu zhōu|Europe’s / |de / |jīng jì|economy / |yīn wèi|because of / |zhài wù|the debt / |wēi jī|crisis / |ér / |xiàn rù|fell into / |shuāi tuì|recession / 。 }

Europe’s economy fell into recession because of the debt crisis.

Remember: () — is the **hinge** swinging from cause to effect (“because X, thereby Y”). In careful writing, contracts to a tight (, “took leave due to illness”).

Watch out

- Keep the — it’s what links the effect to the cause in this frame.