

Cause/Effect Statements

Ref Hsk6 Grammar

因 (为) , 而 — “because ..., (one) thereby ...”

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

Structure: Subject + 因 (为) + Cause + 而 + Result

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

Because I got ill, I took time off.

{zh: 欧洲 |Ōu zhōu|Europe's / 的 |de / 经济 |jīng jì|economy / 因为 |yīn wèi|because of / 债务 |zhài wù|the debt / 危机 |wēi jī|crisis / 而 |ér / 陷入 |xiàn rù|fell into / 衰退 |shuāi tuì|recession / 。 }

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

Remember: 因 (为) ... 而 ... — 而 is the hinge swinging from cause to effect (“because X, thereby Y”). In careful writing, 因为 contracts to a tight 因 (因病请假, “took leave due to illness”).

Watch out

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