

Connectives that Express Cause and Effect, Contrast, and Condition

Chapter 19



The Steppers

The Steppers are a dance troupe with a purpose – to help older people feel good about themselves. **Because of** their own advanced ages, from 60-87 years old, the members of the Steppers have some expertise in these matters. What do they do? They dance. **Due to** their own ailments, they might be dancing with canes or walkers. **However**, when the music starts and they hit the stage, the toe-tapping and hand-clapping get going both on the stage and in the audience. Who makes up their audiences? Any group in the New York City area that can pay for the Steppers' transportation can host them, **so** they dance in a variety of places, but mostly for senior citizens. There has been **such** a great response **that** the group always has a full dance card.

Use *because of* and *due to* to talk about a cause and effect.

Because of their involvement, they might be dancing with 87-year-olds.
Due to the slow walkers, members of the Steppers have some expertise in these matters.

What's the cause?

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What's the effect?

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Use so to connect two cause and effect sentences.

Which sentence is the cause?

Which sentence is the effect?

The Steppers get asked to perform every week. E

**~~The Steppers are a very popular dance group.~~ C
they get asked to perform every week.**

Use *such ... that* or *so ... that* to talk about cause and effect.

Such...that encloses a modified noun:

Such + adjective + noun + ***that***

There has been **such** a great response **that** the group always has a full dance card.

So...that encloses same meaning adjective or adverb:

So + adjective or adverb + ***that***

The response is **so** great **that** they always have a full dance card.

Practice 1

Complete each sentence with *because*, *due to*, *because of*, *so*, *such ... that*, or *so ... that*.

1. Because they are so popular, the Steppers perform at a different place each month.
2. They get such a positive reception that they always get invited to come back.
due to
3. Sometimes because of snowy weather, they have to postpone a performance.
4. That's only when the snow is so deep that no vehicles can move through it.

Practice 1 continued

Complete each sentence with *because*, *due to*, *because of*, *so*, *such ... that*, or *so ... that*.

Due to

5. **Because of** their age, it sometimes takes The Steppers a little longer to get dressed for a show.
6. **Because** they love what they do, they don't care how long it takes to get ready.
7. The performances are **so** enjoyable **that** everyone in the audience is soon tapping their feet or clapping with the music.
8. Everyone has **such** a good time **that** they don't want the show to end.

The choreographer of the Steppers, Barbara Taylor, is a spry 87-year-old former grade school principal. **While** many of the Steppers are retired, Ms. Taylor is still working. She teaches college psychology classes two days a week. And **in spite of** failing eyesight, she continues to create and perform in new Taylor-made dance routines (excuse the pun). So who can become a Stepper? Well, the minimum age is 60, so **while** some may be too young to be a Stepper, no one is ever too old! Ms. Taylor creates multi-level dance routines **so that** everyone can have a part in the performances—the only requirement is being young at heart!

Use *so that* to express a purpose.

***so that* = *in order to* + verb**

Ms. Taylor creates multi-level dance routines **in order to make sure** everyone can have a part in the performance.

Ms. Taylor creates multi-level dance routines **so that** everyone can have a part in the performance.

Use *in spite of* or *in spite of the fact that* to show contrast (unexpected result).

In spite of being over 60 years old, all the Steppers give hour-long performances regularly.

Are hour-long dance performances physically easy? **NO**

same meaning

Are most dance performers over 60? **NO**

In spite of the fact that they are over 60 years old, all the Steppers give hour-long performances regularly.

Do the Steppers regularly give hour-long performances? **YES**

Unexpected (or surprising) result

Use *while* to show direct contrast or opposite meaning (not time).

Ms. Taylor is still working.

Many of the Steppers are retired.

opposite ideas

Ms. Taylor is still working, **while** many of the Steppers are retired.

Many of the Steppers are retired, **while** Ms. Taylor is still working.

Review 1

Use the words provided to complete the sentences.

Because while so that therefore such that in spite of

1. While the Steppers are not all in perfect health, they are all of good cheer.
2. In spite of the bad weather, the Steppers were able to make it to their performance this afternoon.
3. Because of the stormy weather, they got to the airport very early so that they wouldn't miss their flight.
4. Ms. Taylor arranges her dances so that all the dancers can participate.

Review 2

Create a sentence for each of the connectives.

1. (while)
2. (because of)
3. (because)
4. (so...that)
5. (so that)
6. (in spite of)
7. (such that)
8. (due to)

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