Using therefore: answers and notes

What your child practised: using "therefore", an adverb of cause, to link what happened (the cause) to what happened because of it (the result) (Year 3 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

1. **Therefore** · 2. **Therefore**

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary, for example: *We made the ramp steeper. Therefore, the car went faster.* With a towel: *Therefore, the car stopped sooner.*

Page 2 · A. Cause and result

1 → **we built a snowman** · 2 → **she ate an apple**
3 → **we sat in the shade** · 4 → **we lined up**

Page 3 · B. The right way round?

1. ✓ · 2. × · 3. ✓ · 4. ×

2 and 4 put the result first. Snow causes the snowman; hunger causes the eating.

Page 3 · C, D and E

Answers will vary. For example: C. *Therefore, my hat blew off. Therefore, he felt cold.* D. *The sun was very hot.* Check the result comes after "therefore".

Challenge: No. "Because" comes before the **cause**; "therefore" comes before the **result**. The right way round is **"It rained. Therefore, we stayed in."**

Watch out for

- **The wrong way round** (result first). Ask "Which happened first? Which happened because of it?"
- **Mixing up because and therefore.** They point in opposite directions: *We stayed in **because** it rained. / It rained. **Therefore**, we stayed in.*
- **Mixing up why with when and where.** "Then" and "next" tell us when, not why.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Window weather:** look outside and say a "therefore" sentence: "It's sunny. Therefore, we can play outside."
- **Chain game:** take turns adding a result: "I spilled my drink. Therefore, the floor was wet. Therefore…"
- **In the game:** Chapter 4, Sort it! Adverb Stall, sorts adverbs into when, where and why.