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Using therefore

The adverb **therefore** tells us what happened **because of** something.

1 Learn



Some adverbs help to explain **why**. **Therefore** is an **adverb of cause**. It means **"because of that"**.



Worked example: finish it with therefore.

The hill was very windy. **Therefore,** _____

1. Find the cause (what happened first): **the hill was very windy**.
2. Ask: **what happened because of that?** We could fly a kite!
3. Write the result after **therefore**: *Therefore, we flew our kite.*
4. Check: swap **therefore** for **"because of that"**. *Because of that, we flew our kite.* It still makes sense.

Flip's tip: the **cause** comes first. Then **therefore**. Then the **result**. If you're not sure, say "because of that" instead and listen.

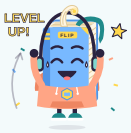
Warm up: draw a ring round the word that means **"because of that"**.

1. The path was muddy. Soon / Therefore / Upstairs, we wore our wellies.
2. Leo was thirsty. Here / Next / Therefore, he drank some water.

Grown-ups: "therefore" is a grown-up sounding word. Say it together, and use it in your own talk today: "It's cold. Therefore, we need our coats."

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Ramp test

You need: a tray or a big hardback book, a few other books to make a pile, and a toy car or a small ball.

1. Rest one end of the tray on **one book** to make a low ramp. Let the car roll down. Watch how far it goes.
2. Put **two more books** under the tray to make it steeper. Roll the car again.
3. Talk about it: what did you change? What happened because of that?
4. Write it with **therefore**: the change goes first, the result goes after **therefore**.
5. Try one more change of your own, such as a towel at the bottom of the ramp.

What we changed (the cause)	Therefore, … (the result)
We made the ramp steeper.	Therefore,
	Therefore,
	Therefore,

Grown-ups: this is about the words more than the science: any sensible result is fine. Say the first sentence out loud together before your child writes it.

3 Practise

A. Draw a line from each cause to its result.

1. It was snowing.	●	● Therefore, we lined up.
2. Mia was hungry.	●	● Therefore, she ate an apple.
3. The sun was very hot.	●	● Therefore, we built a snowman.
4. The school bell rang.	●	● Therefore, we sat in the shade.

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B. Is the **cause** first and the **result** after therefore? Tick (✓) if it is. Cross (×) if it is the wrong way round.

1. Leo was cold. Therefore, he put on his jumper. ☐
2. We built a snowman. Therefore, it snowed. ☐
3. The road was icy. Therefore, Dad drove slowly. ☐
4. Mia ate an apple. Therefore, she was hungry. ☐

C. Finish each one with a result.

The wind blew hard. Therefore, _____

Leo forgot his coat. Therefore, _____

D. Now write the **cause** to go first.

_____. Therefore, we put on our sunhats.

E. Write your own pair of sentences about the weather, using **therefore**.

Challenge

Sam says these two mean the same: *"We stayed in because it rained."* and *"We stayed in. Therefore, it rained."* Is he right? Write the second one the right way round.

I can… Tick when you can.

- ☐ say that therefore means "because of that"
- ☐ put the cause first and the result after therefore
- ☐ write my own sentences with therefore