

Basic cause/effect INTRO
Adverb Clauses
(In pairs)

A. For each pair of sentences, write C above the cause sentence and E above the effect sentence.

1. My parents made me take piano lessons. I can play the piano.

2. I practiced piano everyday. I became quite good.

3. I stopped playing piano for several years. I got very busy in high school.

4. I have more free time. I play piano again.

5. I am playing very well. I play for about an hour every day.

B. (Spoken) Combine the above sentences with **because**. (Because goes with the CAUSE part of the sentence. In writing, a comma is used when you begin with **because**.)

C. (Spoken) Combine the above sentences with the following.

usual since (almost like because) – **since** can mean TIME (present perfect)
Or CAUSE

Notice: I have lived here since I was a child. (TIME — present perfect)
I couldn't go to the night club since I was a child. (CAUSE)

not as usual **now that** (because now) — means because something is true now –
must be used only with simple present, present continuous, or present perfect tense

D. Sometimes to use **now that** (because now) you need to change the verb tense to present.

I bought a car. I don't have to take the bus.

NO: Now that I bought a car ... (“bought” cannot mean now — it doesn't make sense!)

YES: Now that I have a car, I don't have to take the bus.

YES: Now that I have bought a car, I don't have to take the bus. (if you bought the car recently)

Which sentences from Part A can you combine using “now that”?