

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of cause and appropriate content.

Some chemicals are bad and is causing serious
environmental problems in some parts of the world.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of cause and appropriate content.

don't cause too much anxiety can be bad
harm to your body.

Do an Academic Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use cause in the *present progressive tense*. In your second sentence, use cause in the *simple present tense* and include a word partner.

Author

① He is causing problems of mine ② cause

② he is the cause of a problem

Grammar tip

The present progressive tense is formed with *am/is/are* + a verb ending in *-ing*.

This music is causing me to get distracted.

They are running down the street.

I am acting in a play.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of cause and original content.

Taking tests cause ① anxiety for many students. In fact, some students are ① so overwhelmed during tests that it makes ② them to fail or perform poorly. These students may experience those ③ feelings of nausea or the sensation that they are going to faint. Psychologists have determined that test-taking anxiety is a cause ⑤ of performance anxiety. This anxiety is accompanied by a sudden rush of adrenaline that enable ⑥ students to feel debilitating physical sensations during tests. If anxiety is affecting your performance on test ⑦, talk to your teachers or a guidance counselor. They may be able to help you pinpoint the the cause ⑧ of your anxiety and help you overcome your problem.

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Yes I do think Collins acted heroically during his mission to get the water. Mostly because he did not even have a gun to defend himself plus he also everyone's canteens. He also tried to give the dying man a drink of water & when he did that he spilt all the water "The bucket lay on the ground empty." Everyone was happy when he got back because he made it there & back without being shot. But when someone tried to take a drink it was empty.