

cause

noun

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► Say it: cause

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings

Examples

1. the reason why something happens

1. The cause of the car accident was that the _____ ran through a _____.



2. a goal that people support and work toward

2. A clean _____ is important. I support this cause by picking up _____.



Forms

Family

- Singular: cause
- Plural: causes

- Verb: cause
- Adjective: causal

Word Partners

- _____ and effect There is a **cause and effect** for every action that happens.
- determine the _____ My parents are trying to **determine the cause** of the flood in our basement.

Verbal Practice

Talk about It Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

- Two causes of stress in my life are _____ and _____.
- When my friend's MP3 player suddenly _____, he didn't know the cause.
- _____ is a cause I support because I think that it affects everyone.
- Laura took up the cause of ending _____ by volunteering at a local food bank.

Writing Practice

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

- ① Before we can solve the problem of _____, we must determine the _____.
- ② When our school announced it was removing _____ from the lunch menu, we took up the _____ of getting it back.

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

- ① We are studying the _____ and effects of war in _____.
- ② Improving _____ is a _____ that many people in my community care about.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use cause in the *plural form*. In your second sentence, use cause in the *singular form*.

MEANING ① _____

MEANING ② _____

grammar tip

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add -s.

Crime has many causes.
 She loves animals.

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

Forensics is a _____ ① in which investigators use science to determine the _____ ② of accidents, injuries, and deaths. Forensic investigators are trained to _____ ③ and analyze clues from the scene of an event. One type of forensic expert is a crime scene investigator. These experts work with police to figure out the _____ ④ of crimes. Crime scene investigators are important because they help police _____ ⑤ crimes and identify _____ ⑥ who have committed crimes. Being a crime scene investigator is just one _____ ⑦ of career in forensics—there are dozens of others, all of which require years of education and training.