

cause  
verb

▶ Say it: cause

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Write it: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

to make something happen

Example

Studying for \_\_\_\_\_  
causes me to feel very  
\_\_\_\_\_.



Forms

*Present:*  
I/You/We/They      cause  
He/She/It          causes  
*Past:*                      caused

Family

- *Noun:* cause
- *Adjective:* causal

Word Partners

- \_\_\_\_\_ damage      The tornado **caused** damage to most of the houses in my neighborhood.
- \_\_\_\_\_ harm        Some researchers suspect that cell phones are **causing** harm to our brains.
- \_\_\_\_\_ problems    If you **cause** problems in class, the teacher may give you detention or a referral.

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.

- 1 Many chemicals and pollutants in the world, such as \_\_\_\_\_, are **causing** people to become sick.
- 2 Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ **causes** me to get distracted when I study.

## Writing Practice

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

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

\_\_\_\_\_ too much \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_  
harm to your body.

**Be an Academic Author** 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.

- ① \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ② \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ ① \_\_\_\_\_ anxiety for many students. In fact, some students \_\_\_\_\_ ② \_\_\_\_\_ so overwhelmed during tests that it \_\_\_\_\_ ③ \_\_\_\_\_ them to fail or perform poorly. These students may experience \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_ feelings of nausea or the sensation that they are going to faint. Psychologists have determined that test-taking anxiety is a \_\_\_\_\_ ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ of performance anxiety. This anxiety is accompanied by a sudden rush of adrenaline that \_\_\_\_\_ ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ students to feel debilitating physical sensations during tests. If anxiety is affecting your performance on \_\_\_\_\_ ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_, talk to your teachers or a guidance counselor. They may be able to help you pinpoint the \_\_\_\_\_ ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ of your anxiety and help you overcome your problem.