

cause

verb

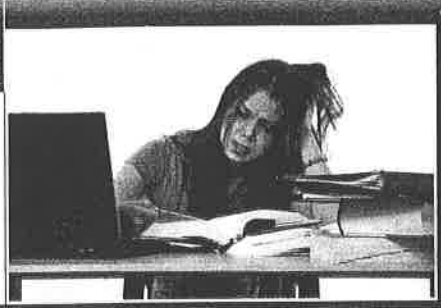
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► Say it: cause

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
to make something happen	Studying for _____ causes me to feel very _____.



Forms	Family
Present: I/You/We/They He/She/It Past:	cause causes caused
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.