

## \* To understand the function of causal conjunctions

1. Underline all of the causal conjunctions in this text:

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### Why Kill Whales?

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However, whale meat is a special food served only at the most expensive restaurants consequently most Japanese people cannot afford to buy it. Today there are lots of different meat options (such as beef and chicken) as a result of this we do not need to hunt and eat whales anymore.



Over the years, however, whales have been killed to make many different products. In the past, electricity was not available consequently whale blubber (fat) was needed to make oil for oil-lamps. Blubber was also used to make margarines and soaps.

Today, there are many replacements for whale oil. Vegetable oils and oil from jojoba beans are now used instead of whale oil therefore there is no longer any need to kill whales to find ingredients for our products.

So no-one should accept the argument that killing whales is necessary anymore. Let's stop this cruel and mindless destruction of one of our planet's most amazing creatures before it's too late!

2. Read the text below about the problems with plastic shopping bags. For each sentence, underline the **cause** in green, the **effect** in red, and the **causal conjunction** in blue.

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### Should we pay for plastic bags?

- Plastic bags are ruining the environment therefore people should pay for plastic bags that they use for their shopping.
- In the UK, millions of plastic bags are used and thrown away every year consequently filling up our rubbish dumps.
- These plastic bags also take hundreds of years to disintegrate (break down), as a result taking up more and more space in our dumps every year.
- Some plastic bags get washed away in the ocean. Sea creatures think they are food and try to eat them therefore causing them to choke and die.
- The government passed a law to make shops charge money for these bags due to the fact the UK is using too many plastic bags each year.
- Fewer plastic bags are now being used because people have to pay 5p for each one.

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2. Using the causal conjunctions that you found, fill in the gaps in the text below.  
Remember to take your time and consider which conjunctions work best for which gaps.

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