

# Model Cause/Effect Sentences

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## Thesis sentence (Last sentence in introduction)

### Cause Essay

(General topic) is caused by/is due to three major reasons.

*Cheating on exams is caused by three major reasons.*

### Effect Essay

(General topic) results in/leads to three major effects.

*Cheating on exams results in three major effects.*

## Topic sentence (First body paragraph)

### Cause Essay

The initial major cause of (general topic) is (first cause).

*The initial major cause of cheating on exams is a need to excel at any cost.*

### Effect Essay

The initial major effect of (general topic) is (first effect).

*The initial major effect of cheating on an exam is academic probation.*

## Topic sentence (Second body paragraph)

### Cause Essay

In addition to (first cause), (general topic) is due to/can be traced to/occurs due to (second cause).

*In addition to a need to excel at any cost, cheating on exams is due to parental pressures.*

### Effect Essay

In addition to (first effect), (general topic) brings about/gives rise to/is responsible for/leads to (second effect).

*In addition to academic probation, cheating on exams brings about failure of the course.*

## Topic sentence (Third body paragraph)

### Cause Essay

The final cause of (general topic) is (third cause).

*The final cause of cheating on exams is financial aid depends on student's GPA.*

### Effect Essay

The final effect of (general topic) is (third effect).

*The final effect of cheating on exams is loss of reputation.*

## Topic sentence (Conclusion)

### Cause Essay

To conclude/in summary/To summarize, (general topic) results from (three causes).

*To conclude, cheating on exams results from a need to excel at any cost, parental pressures, and the dependence of financial aid on the student's GPA.*

### Effect Essay

To conclude/in summary/To summarize, (general topic) leads to (three effects).

*To conclude, cheating on exams leads to academic probation, failure of the class, and loss of reputation.*