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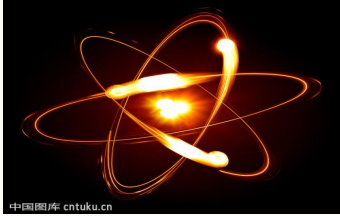
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Cause and Effect in Writing

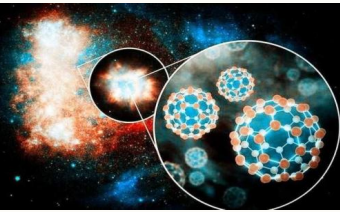
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Activating

How life began on the earth?

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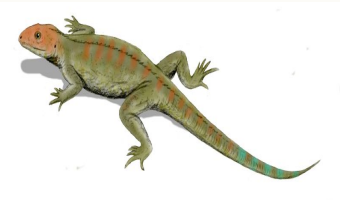


1. "Big Bang", atoms

2. continued presence of water, chain of reaction, life development



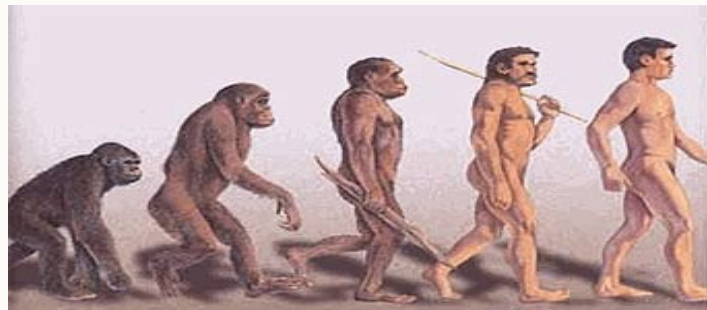
3. the first extremely small plants, early shellfish and all sorts of fish



4. green plants, the forests, reptiles



5. the disappearance of dinosaurs, the rise of mammals, humans



Discovering

How life began on the Earth

1. The universe began with a “Big Bang”, **after which** atoms began to form and combine. As the earth cooled down, water gradually appeared.

2. The continued presence of water **allowed** the Earth **to** produce a chain of reaction, **making it possible** for life to develop.

3. The first extremely small plants multiplied and filled the seas with oxygen, **which encouraged** the development of early fish.

4. Next, green plants began to grow and later they grew into forests **with reptiles appearing for the first time**.

5. After that, dinosaurs developed but disappeared suddenly. The disappearance **made possible** the rise of mammals on the earth. **Thus**, humans appeared and have become the most important animals on the planet.

Bridging expressions

Verbs:

allow... to...
make... possible
... encourage ...

Some patterns:

with+ O.(宾)+ O.C(宾补)

Clauses:

... , after which ...
... , which ...

Defining

What is cause and effect?



cause

The **reason** why something happens



effect

The **result** because of the cause

bridging expression

cause

effect

The disappearance of dinosaurs **made possible** the rise of mammals.

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Other Examples of “cause and effect”

1. Curiosity drove Wang Peng inside Yong Hui's restaurant.
2. Wang Peng and Yong Hui combined their ideas and provided a balanced menu. The outcome of this combination was that their restaurant became a great success.
3. In the future, the Earth may become too hot to live on.
4. I am pleased since you have decided to come.
5. Tired of sleeping on the floor, a young man saved up for years to buy a bed.
6. Missing the bus for a second, I had no choice but to take a taxi.

Non-predicate verb phrases (非谓语句短语)

Bridging expressions

Verbs:

... drive ...

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Non-predicate verb phrases

Clauses:

... since ...

Bridging expressions for cause–effect relations

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Verbs

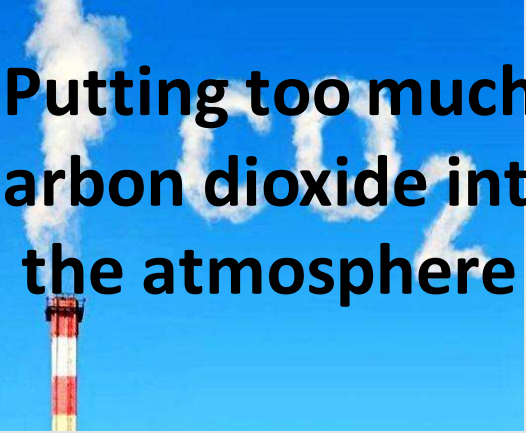
drive/encourage
make ... possible
allow ... to ...

Patterns

the outcome of
too... to
Non-predicate verb phrases
with+ O.+ O.C

Clauses

... since ...
... , after which ...
... , which ...

Cause	Effects
 <p>Putting too much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The temperature will increase.2. There may be a rise in the sea level.3. Many species of wildlife will die out.4. Crops will produce more.5. ...

1. **As a consequence of** too much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, the temperature will increase.
2. Too much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere **accounts for** a rise in the sea level.



Justin's busking

allow...to

driven by...

therefore

earn money

Effects	Overall effect
become popular in YouTube earn money	contribute to
become popular in YouTube and catch the attention of an important agent	the development of his career
get involved in a production company	

Overall effect

contribute to

the development of his career

Justin's success owes a lot to his busking. Initially, it **allowed** him **to** earn money from passers-by. **Driven by** his performances, he became popular in YouTube, **catching the attention** of an important agent, Scooter. **Therefore**, he got involved in a production company. Obviously, Justin's busking **contributed to** the development of his career.

bridging expressions

one cause

+

a series of effects

+

an overall effect

a good cause-effect passage

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career.

Bridging expressions for cause–effect relations

Verbs

drive/encourage
make ... possible
allow ... to ...
bring about
account for
lead to
contribute to
lead to
bring about
...

Patterns

thanks to/owing to/due to ...
the outcome of ...
on account of ...
too... to
Non-predicate verb phrases
therefore/consequently
with + O. + O.C
as a result/consequence
therefore/consequence of
as a consequence of

with + O. + O.C
too...to...
Non-predicate verb phrases
...

Clauses

.so/such... that...
because which ...
.since which ...
... , which ...
... , prep. which ...
...

Tracking

Why should we keep away from cell phones during the weekend?



physical health
academic study
emotional problems
...

lose interest in
chatting with parents

lots of complaints from my mom

Using cell phones
during the weekend

Bridging expressions for cause–effect relations

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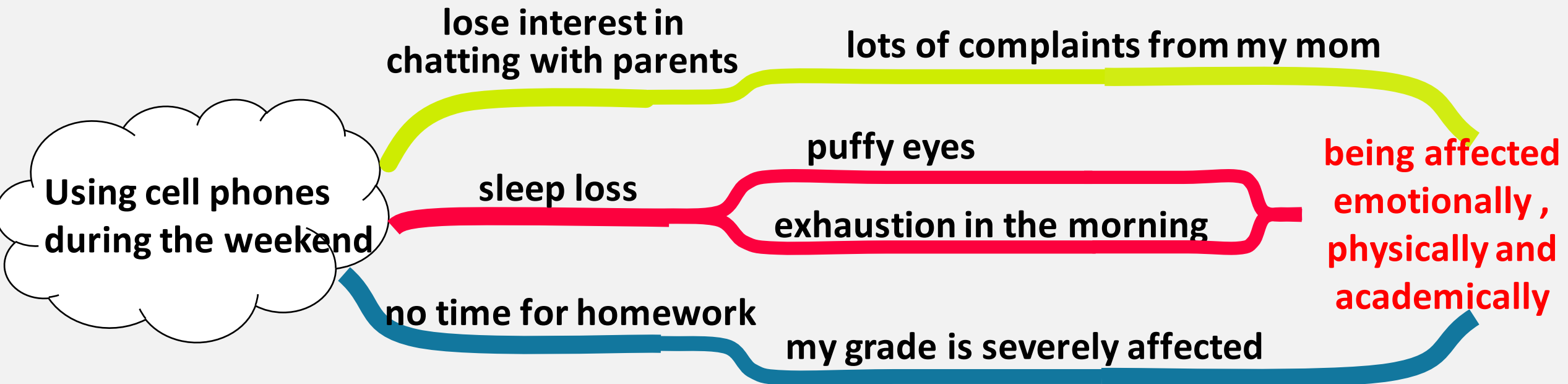
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Why should we keep away from cell phones during the weekend?



One possible version

I love my cell phone so much that I constantly hold it in my hand on weekends. However, some bad consequences occur **due to** my excessive use of it. One issue is that I lose interest in chatting with my parents, which **brings about** lots of complaints from my mom. Overuse of cell phone also **leads to** my sleep loss. **Buried in the phone**, I stay up late, which **accounts for** my puffy eyes and exhaustion in the morning. The worst thing of overuse during the weekend is that I even find no time for my homework! **As a result**, my grade is severely affected.

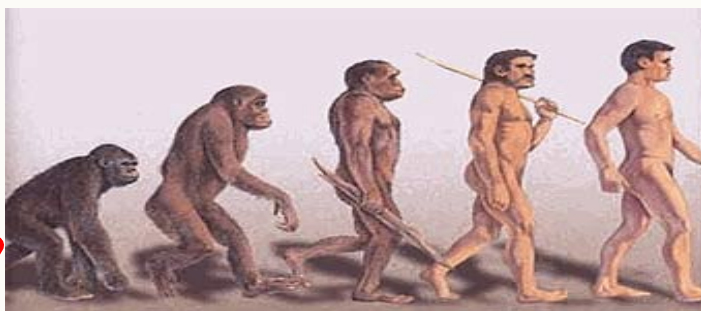
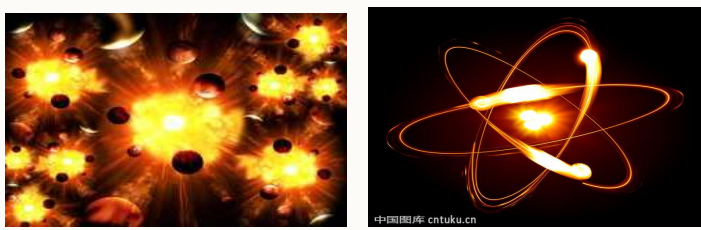
With the time slipping from me, it occurred to me that, on account of the cell phone, my life is being affected emotionally, physically and academically! **Consequently**, by no means should we spend time playing cell phones on weekends any more.

Assignment

Finish your writing, using proper bridging expressions to show cause-effect relations to make your writing more logical and coherent.

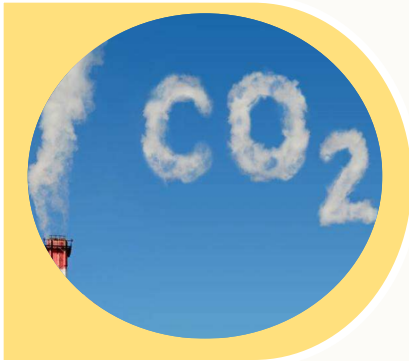


How life began on the Earth



The world keeps spinning and evolving.

Human beings should learn to respect and preserve nature.



Everyone ought to change and challenge himself with willpower.



Only through proper use of technology can we truly benefit from its development.



Be determined to stick to it as constant dripping wears away the stone.

Every little step counts!

