

# Cause/Effect Statements

Ref Hsk6 Grammar

**因 (为) ……，而……—”because …, (one) thereby …”**

**因 (为) …而…** is a formal cause-and-effect frame: **因为** states the cause, and **而** introduces the resulting action or state —”because of X, (one) therefore Y.” In this written style **因为** often shortens to just **因**, giving a tighter sentence.

**Structure:** Subject + **因 (为)** + Cause + **而** + Result

{zh: 我 |wǒ|I / 因为 |yīn wèi|because / 生病 |shēng bìng|got ill / 而 |ér|so / 请假 |qǐng jià|took leave / 。 }

*Because I got ill, I took time off.*

{zh: 欧洲 |Ōu zhōu|Europe’s / 的 |de / 经济 |jīng jì|economy / 因为 |yīn wèi|because of / 债务 |zhài wù|the debt / 危机 |wēi jī|crisis / 而 |ér / 陷入 |xiàn rù|fell into / 衰退 |shuāi tuì|recession / 。 }

*Europe’s economy fell into recession because of the debt crisis.*

**Remember:** **因 (为) …而…—而** is the hinge swinging from cause to effect (“because X, thereby Y”). In careful writing, **因为** contracts to a tight **因** (因病请假, “took leave due to illness”).

**Watch out**

- Keep the **而**—it’s what links the effect to the cause in this frame.