

# Using Vocabulary to Help Link Causes in Writing

Use this word list to help you describe and explain the connections between causes and the nature of those relationships when writing history.

## Causal Verbs the Describe Enabling and Determining Relationships

### Expressing Enabling Relations

Enable	Influence	Allow	Assist
Contributed to	Promote	Affect	Aided
Supported	Negotiated	Encouraged	Attracted
Made it easier to	Exacerbated		

### Expressing Determining Relations

Resulted in	Created	Led to	Caused
Determined	Is attributed to	Mean that	Come about through
Bring about	Is dependent on	Forced	Made
Defeated	Opposed	Fought	Controlled
Put pressure on			

## Causal Verbs Evaluating Causal Impact and Directness

### Less Causal Impact

Gradual	Minor	Small extent	To some extent
Partial	Ephemeral	False Dawn	Partly
A Contributor	To a certain extent	Almost no part	Short lived

### More Causal Impact

Radical	To a great extent	Instrumental	Pivotal
Vital	Paramount	Turning Point	Considerable
Greatly	Main	Major	Crucial
Staggering	Primary	Sole	Principally
Significant	Powerful	A heavier weight	Important

### Less Causal Directness

Long term	Indirect	Little direct influence
Underlying	Simmering	

## More Causal Directness

Immediate	Rapid	Direct	Short term
Sharp	Sudden	Abrupt	Erupt
Impede			

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## Verbs Suggesting Importance

Significantly...	Nevertheless...	Despite...	Further...
Foundation	Birth	Beginning	Element
The root of...	This was the source	Fundamentally	Underpin
Principally...	Influence	Permitted	Extinguished
Central	Primarily		

## Verbs Suggesting Timing

Latent	Triggered	Sparked	Preceding
Origins	Brewing/Brewed		

## Verbs Suggesting Connection

Contributed	Exacerbated	Allowed	Incited
Sparked	This compelled...	Subsequently...	Encouraged...
Consequently...	However...	This led to...	Prevented...
Bring about	In addition...	Supported	This bred...
Motivated	Provoked		

## Verbs Suggesting Speed

Impede...	Erupt	Discouraged	Prevent
Deter	Drove/Drive	Simmering	