

1. [kɔ:z] n

1. причина, основание

cause and effect - причина и следствие

root causes - коренные причины

first cause of all causes - причина всех причин

cause of death - причина смерти

the causes of war - причины войны

to stay away from school without good cause - пропускать занятия без уважительных причин

he is the cause of all our troubles - все наши беды от него, он является причиной всех бед

there is no cause for anxiety [for despair] - нет оснований для тревоги [для отчаяния]

2. (for, редк. of) мотив, повод, причина

just cause - убедительный мотив; полное основание, полное право

a cause of action - повод к действиям [см. тж. 4, 2])

without cause - без (всякого) повода, без оснований, без (уважительных) причин; беспричинно

cause for divorce - основание для развода; мотивы, по которым брак должен быть расторгнут

cause for rejoicing - повод для торжества

3. дело; общее дело

the cause of peace - дело мира

the cause of the workers - дело рабочего класса

to make common cause with smb. - объединяться с кем-л. ради общего дела

in the cause of science - ради /во имя, в интересах/ науки

he died for the Cause - он погиб за общее /за наше/ дело

good cause - правое /доброе, хорошее, справедливое/ дело

to work in a good cause - бороться за правое дело

lost cause - безнадежное /проигранное/ дело

to fight in the cause of justice - бороться за справедливость

to fight in the cause of the oppressed - бороться на стороне угнетённых

no one should be judge in his own cause - никто не может быть судьёй в своём собственном деле

4. юр.

1) судебное дело, процесс

to plead a cause - вести процесс, защищать дело в суде

to gain one's cause - выиграть процесс

2) мотивы или соображения, высказываемые стороной (на процессе)

to show cause - привести основания /соображения/; представить доводы

cause of action - основание для предъявления иска [см. тж. 2]

2. [kɔ:z] v

1. быть причиной, служить поводом; вызывать; причинять

what caused his death? - от чего он умер?, что было причиной его смерти?

what causes the tides? - почему бывают приливы?

2. заставлять; побуждать; добиваться

he caused me to go - он заставил меня уйти

it caused my going - я ушёл из-за этого

the King caused him to be put to death - он был казнён по приказу короля

to cause smb. to be informed - поставить кого-л. в известность

he caused the letter to be sent - письмо было отправлено по его приказанию

we caused the roof to be mended - нам починили крышу; мы починили крышу

cause

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cause [cause causes caused causing] noun, verb BrE [kɔːz] NAmE [kɑːz]

noun

1. countable the person or thing that makes sth happen

- Unemployment is a major cause of poverty.
- There was discussion about the fire and its likely cause.
- Drinking and driving is one of the most common causes of traffic accidents.

2. uncountable ~ (for sth) a reason for having particular feelings or behaving in a particular way

- There is no **cause for concern**.
- The food was excellent—I had no **cause for complaint**.
- **with/without good cause** (= with/without a good reason)

3. countable an organization or idea that people support or fight for

- Animal welfare campaigners raised £70 000 for their cause last year.
- a **good cause** (= an organization that does good work, such as a charity)
- fighting for the Republican cause
- The donation is the biggest private gift to a humanitarian cause.

see also ↑lost cause

4. countable (law) a case that goes to court

more at make common cause at ↑common adj.

Middle English: from Old French, from Latin **causa** (noun), **causare** (verb).

Thesaurus:

cause noun

1. C

- the cause of the problem

source • • **origin** • • **root** •

Opp: effect

a **common** cause/source/origin/root

have a cause/a source/origins/roots

find/locate/discover/investigate/trace the cause/source/origin/roots of sth

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- There is no cause for alarm.

reason • • **basis** • • **need** • • **grounds** • • **excuse** • • **case** • • **justification** •

(a/an) cause/reason/grounds/basis/need/excuse/case/justification **for** sth

a **good/valid** cause/reason/grounds/excuse/case/justification

have (a/an) cause/reason/grounds/excuse/case/justification

Example Bank:

- A greater cause for resentment is the discrepancy in pay.
- He died of natural causes.
- He pleaded the cause of the local fishermen.
- Her health is giving us great cause for concern.
- She has taken up the cause of animal rights.
- She was keen to do anything that would further the cause.
- Smoking is a common cause of premature death.
- The different groups support a common cause.
- The experts may find cause to disagree with the school's decision.
- The function took a lot of organizing, but was all for/in a good cause.
- The money she left went to various worthy causes.
- The onus is on government departments to show cause why information cannot be disclosed.
- The precise cause of the accident is not known.
- The real cause of the problem lies in the poor construction of the bridge.
- There is no cause for alarm.
- There is no reasonable cause to suspect an unnatural death.
- They were not prepared to sacrifice themselves for the cause of the country.
- We have good cause to believe that he was involved in the crime.
- What are the causes of the crisis?
- attempts to identify the immediate cause of the breakdown
- battles fought in the cause of decentralization
- prominent figures in the socialist cause
- the causes of blindness
- the root cause of the problem
- the social causes of ill health
- to disregard the strict letter of the law in the cause of true justice
- young men willing to fight for the cause
- He dedicated his life to fighting for the Republican cause.
- If your child is absent without good cause, you may receive a warning from the school board.
- Oh well, it's all for a good cause.
- She regarded me as the cause of all her problems.
- The food was excellent— I had no cause for complaint.
- They are still trying to identify the immediate cause of the breakdown.

Idiom: ↑ **in a good cause**

verb

to make sth happen, especially sth bad or unpleasant

- ~ **sth** Do they know what caused the fire?
- Are you **causing trouble** again?
- Doctors say her condition is causing some concern.
- deaths caused by dangerous driving
- ~ **sth for sb** The bad weather is causing problems for many farmers.
- ~ **sb sth** The project is still causing him a lot of problems.
- ~ **sth to do sth** The poor harvest caused prices to rise sharply.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cause
	BrE /kɔːz/
	NAmE /kɑːz/
he / she / it	causes
	BrE /kɔːzɪz/
	NAmE /kɑːzɪz/
past simple, past participle	caused
	BrE /kɔːzd/
	NAmE /kɑːzd/
-ing form	causing
	BrE /kɔːzɪŋ/
	NAmE /kɑːzɪŋ/

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• The bombing caused an international outcry.

result in sth • **lead (sth) to sth** • **produce** • **bring sth about** • **create** • **prompt** • **provoke** • **trigger** • **set sth off** • **stir sth up** • |formal **give rise to sth** • **induce** • |especially **journalism spark** • **fuel** • **stoke** •

cause/result in/lead to/produce/bring about/prompt/provoke/trigger/give rise to/fuel a/an **change/increase**

cause/result in/lead to/produce/give rise to/create **problems/difficulties**

cause/result in/lead to/prompt/provoke/stir up/spark/fuel/stoke **anger**

Language Bank:

cause

X causes Y

- Childhood obesity can **cause** ▪ / **lead to** ▪ long-term health problems.
- Changes in lifestyle and diet over the last twenty years have **caused** ▪ / **led to** ▪ / **resulted in** ▪ a sharp increase in childhood obesity.
- Several factors, including changes in diet and lifestyle, **have contributed to** ▪ the increase in childhood obesity.
- Research suggests that fast food and soft drinks directly **contribute to** ▪ childhood obesity.
- Genetics, lifestyle and diet **are** ▪ all important **factors** ▪ in cases of childhood obesity.
- Even small changes in lifestyle and diet can **bring about** ▪ significant weight loss.

Language Banks at ↑**because of**, ↑**consequently**, ↑**therefore**

Example Bank:

- A serious road accident caused traffic chaos yesterday.
- Bacteria sticks to food debris in the teeth, causing decay.
- Heavy rainfall in the mountains caused the floods.
- The bombing caused an international outcry.
- The earthquake caused widespread damage to property.
- The loss of a pet can cause some people real anguish.
- The president's remarks caused surprise and embarrassment.
- The revelations caused some discomfort to the president.
- Will it cause any difficulties if I go early?

cause

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I. **cause**¹ **S2 W1** /kɔːz/ kɑːz BrE² AmE² **noun**

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin causa]

1. [countable] a person, event, or thing that makes something happen ⇒ **effect**

cause of

▪ Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for American women in their 40s.

▪ It's our job to establish the cause of the fire.

▶ Do not say 'the cause for something'. Say **the cause of something**.

2. [uncountable] a fact that makes it right or reasonable for you to feel or behave in a particular way **SYN reason**

cause for

▪ There is no cause for alarm.

▪ The patient's condition is giving cause for concern.

▪ The present political climate gives little cause for optimism.

have (good) cause to do something

▪ His father has good cause to be proud of him.

with/without good cause

▪ Many people are worried about the economy, and with good cause.

3. [countable] an aim, belief or organization that a group of people support or fight for:

▪ My father fought for the Nationalist cause.

cause of

her lifelong devotion to the cause of women's rights

He has championed the cause of independence (=he has supported it publicly).

You can get fit, and at the same time raise money for a worthy cause.

Please give generously – it's all in a good cause (=done in order to help people).

4. **have/make common cause (with/against somebody)** *formal* to join with other people or groups in order to oppose an enemy:

U.S. officials expect other Western governments to make common cause with them over the arrests.

5. [countable] *law* a case that is brought to a court of law

⇒ **lost cause** at ↑lost²(12)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ adjectives

- **a common cause of something** Alcohol is the most common cause of road accidents.
- **the main/primary cause of something** Smoking is the main cause of lung disease.
- **a major/leading cause of something** In this country, debt is a major cause of homelessness. | Drug abuse is the leading cause of crime and violence.
- **a direct/indirect cause** Government policies are the direct cause of the problems facing the economy.
- **the root cause** (=the most basic cause) People often deal with the symptoms rather than the root cause of a problem.
- **the fundamental/underlying cause** (=the root cause) The underlying cause of insomnia is often anxiety.
- **the probable/likely cause** The probable cause of the fire was faulty wiring.

■ verbs

- **discover/find the cause** An investigation has failed to discover the cause of the epidemic.
- **determine/establish/identify the cause** (=discover definitely what it is) A team of experts is at the scene of the accident, trying to determine the cause.
- **investigate the cause** Police are still investigating the cause of the fire.

■ phrases

- **the cause of death** A snake bite was the cause of death.
- **die off/from natural causes** (=die of illness, old age etc, not because of an accident or crime) He died from natural causes, believed to be a heart attack.
- **cause and effect** (=the idea that one thing directly causes another) What happened was simply a question of cause and effect.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ adjectives

- **a good cause** (=one that is worth supporting, for example a charity) The money we are raising is for a good cause.
- **a worthy/deserving cause** (=a good cause) The Red Cross is a very worthy cause.
- **a just cause** (=an aim that is fair and right) The rebels believed that they were fighting for a just cause.
- **a noble cause** (=an aim that is morally good) He died for a noble cause.
- **the Nationalist/Republican etc cause** (=their aims and organization) The election results were a serious blow to the Nationalist cause.

■ verbs

- **support a cause** Giving money is only one way of supporting a good cause.
- **fight for a cause** (=take action to achieve an aim) Young people often want to fight for a cause.
- **champion a cause** (=publicly support an aim) He has championed the cause of renewable energy since the 1980s.
- **advance/further/promote a cause** (=help to achieve an aim) He did much to advance the cause of freedom.
- **be committed to a cause** (=believe in an aim very strongly) We are committed to the cause of racial justice.
- **be sympathetic to a cause** (=understand an aim, and possibly support it) They hope the new President will be sympathetic to their cause.

II. **cause**² **S1 W1 BrE** ^{AmE} *verb* [transitive]

to make something happen, especially something bad:

Heavy traffic is causing delays on the freeway.

The fire caused £15,000 worth of damage.

cause something for somebody

The oil spill is causing problems for coastal fisheries.

cause concern/uncertainty/embarrassment etc

The policy changes have caused great uncertainty for the workforce.

I'm sorry if I caused any confusion.

cause somebody trouble/problems etc

You've caused us all a lot of unnecessary worry.

Sorry, I didn't mean to cause offence (=offend you).

cause somebody/something to do something

What caused you to change your mind?

► Do not say 'cause that someone does something'. Say **cause someone to do something**.

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In everyday English, people usually use the expression **make somebody do something** rather than **cause somebody to do something**:

What made you change your mind?

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ nouns

- **cause a problem** The heavy rain has been causing serious problems on the roads.
- **cause trouble** I decided not to complain because I didn't want to cause trouble.
- **cause damage** A fire had broken out and caused severe damage to the roof.
- **cause (a) disease** Scientists are trying to find out what causes the disease.
- **cause injury** Rugby is one of the sports that are most likely to cause injury.
- **cause pain** The infection can cause severe pain.
- **cause death** The famine caused the death of up to 400,000 people.
- **cause (a) delay** Bad weather caused delays at many airports.
- **cause an accident** 75% of accidents are caused by speeding.
- **cause chaos/disruption** Floods caused chaos across much of the country.
- **cause concern/alarm** Environmental issues are causing widespread concern.
- **cause confusion** Teachers say the reforms will cause confusion in schools.
- **cause offence/embarrassment** (=offend/embarrass someone) How can I refuse the invitation without causing offence?

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- **cause** to make something happen, especially something bad: Bad weather has caused a lot of problems on the roads. | The fault caused the whole computer system to shut down.
- **make somebody/something do something** to cause someone to do something, or cause something to happen. **Make** is less formal than **cause**, and is the usual word to use in everyday English: What made you decide to become a teacher? | I'm sorry, I didn't mean to make you cry. | Gravity is the force which makes the planets move round the Sun.
- **be responsible for something** if someone or something is responsible for something bad, they caused it to happen: The excessive heat was responsible for their deaths. | A small militant group was responsible for the bombing.
- **bring about something** to make something happen – used especially about changes or improvements: The Internet has brought about enormous changes in society. | It's important that we do everything we can to bring about peace.
- **result in something** if an action or event results in something, it makes that thing happen: The fire resulted in the deaths of two children. | The decision is likely to result in a large number of job losses.
- **lead to something** to cause something to happen eventually after a period of time: The information led to several arrests. | A poor diet in childhood can lead to health problems later in life.
- **trigger** if one event triggers another, it suddenly makes the second event happen: The incident triggered a wave of violence. | An earthquake off Java's southern coast triggered a tsunami.
- **precipitate** *formal* to make a very serious event happen very suddenly, which will affect a lot of people: The withdrawal of foreign investment would precipitate an economic crisis. | The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand precipitated World War I.

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