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# cause

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*noun*

- 1 a person or thing that acts, happens, or exists in such a way that some specific thing happens as a result; the producer of an effect:  
*You have been the cause of much anxiety. What was the cause of the accident?*
- 2 the reason or motive for some human action:  
*The good news was a cause for rejoicing.*
- 3 good or sufficient reason:  
*to complain without cause; to be dismissed for cause.*
- 4 *Law.*
  - a a ground of legal action; the matter over which a person goes to law.
  - b a case for judicial decision.
- 5 any subject of discussion or debate.

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verb (used with object), **caused**, **caus·ing**.

9 to be the cause of; bring about.

#### OTHER WORDS FOR CAUSE

9 effect, make, create, produce.

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#### QUIZ

### SHALL WE PLAY A "SHALL" VS. "SHOULD" CHALLENGE?

Should you take this quiz on “shall” versus “should”? It should prove to be a quick challenge!

#### QUESTION 1 OF 6

Which form is used to state an obligation or duty someone has?

shall

should

TAKE THE QUIZ TO FIND OUT

## IDIOMS ABOUT CAUSE

- 10 **make common cause**, to unite in a joint effort; work together for the same end:

*They made common cause with neighboring countries and succeeded in reducing tariffs.*

## ORIGIN OF CAUSE

First recorded in 1175–1225; Middle English, from Latin *causa* “reason, sake, case”

## SYNONYM STUDY FOR CAUSE

1. **CAUSE**, **OCCASION** refer to the starting of effects into motion. A **CAUSE** is an agency, perhaps acting through a long time, or a long-standing situation, that produces an effect: *The cause of the quarrel between the two men was jealousy.* An **OCCASION** is an event that provides an opportunity for the effect to become evident, or perhaps promotes its becoming evident: *The occasion was the fact that one man's wages were increased.* 3. See [reason](#).

## OTHER WORDS FROM CAUSE

**caus·a·ble**, adjective

**caus·a·bil·i·ty**, noun

**causeless**, adjective

**cause·less·ly**, adverb

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## WORDS THAT MAY BE CONFUSED WITH CAUSE

[causality](#), [causation](#), **cause**

# 'cause

[ kawz, kuhz, *unstressed kuhz* ] [SHOW IPA](#) 

*conjunction Informal.*

- 1 a shortened form of [because](#).

## ORIGIN OF 'CAUSE

First recorded in 1400–50; late Middle English; aphetic variant

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## WORDS RELATED TO CAUSE

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## HOW TO USE CAUSE IN A SENTENCE

Days spent decades seeking to advance the *cause* of civil rights from positions both inside and outside the government.

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## BRITISH DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS FOR CAUSE

# cause

/ (kɔːz) /

### noun

- 1 a person, thing, event, state, or action that produces an effect
- 2 grounds for action; motive; justification: *she had good cause to shout like that*
- 3 the ideals, etc, of a group or movement: *the Communist cause*
- 4 the welfare or interests of a person or group in a dispute: *they fought for the miners' cause*
- 5 a matter of widespread concern or importance: *the cause of public health*

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### verb

- 9 (tr) to be the cause of; bring about; precipitate; be the reason for

## DERIVED FORMS OF CAUSE

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