

## Signal Sentence Builders Answer Key

### Sample Responses (answers may vary, but must be logical)

1. The streets were slippery **because** it had snowed overnight.
2. The team practiced every day, **so** they improved and won the championship.
3. The oven was left on, **therefore** the cookies burned.
4. **As a result** of the heavy snow, school was canceled for two days.
5. The concert was delayed **due to** a power outage in the arena.

### Create Your Own (Sample Responses)

1. The picnic was moved inside **since** it started to rain.
2. He forgot his homework, and **consequently** he lost points.
3. She wore her coat **because** it was cold outside.
4. The store was closed, **therefore** we had to shop elsewhere.
5. He overslept, **so** he missed the bus.

### Paragraph Challenge (Model Answer)

*It rained heavily all weekend, **so** the baseball tournament was canceled. The roads were flooded, **therefore** many families stayed home. **Because** people couldn't travel, the grocery store was very quiet. **As a result**, the neighborhood was calm and peaceful for two days.*

### Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Students practice generating their own sentences that clearly show cause-and-effect using signal words.
- **Support:** Provide sentence starters for struggling writers.
- **Extension:** Challenge advanced students to write compound/complex sentences that use multiple signal words in one thought.
- **Discussion Prompt:** "Which signal words do you use most often in your writing? How can using different ones make your writing stronger?"