

# Introduction

She's just been promoted, **hence** the new car.

## Definition

**Hence** is an adverb which has the meaning 'and that is why'; 'that's an explanation for'; 'as a consequence' or 'for this reason'.

## Construction

There are several possibilities but it is often placed at the beginning of the second clause in a sentence, and is followed by a noun or a verb.

## Uses

Because it can be used in place of longer expressions, it makes sentences shorter and more succinct, and so it is useful for improving writing style.

## Examples



We wanted better communication with our customers, **hence** the decision to be more present on social media.



**With more people working from home, there are fewer cars on the road and, hence, less pollution.**



**Sleeping patterns depend on age, hence the reason why teenagers usually go to bed later and get up later.**



**Brainstorming stimulates some unexpected ideas and hence facilitates innovation.**



**They're working on some cutting cutting-edge technology in their laboratories, hence all the extra security.**



I didn't have time to proofread, **hence** the typos!

**Note that** the word 'hence' has other meanings that are different from this one. If in doubt, check in a good dictionary.

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