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.

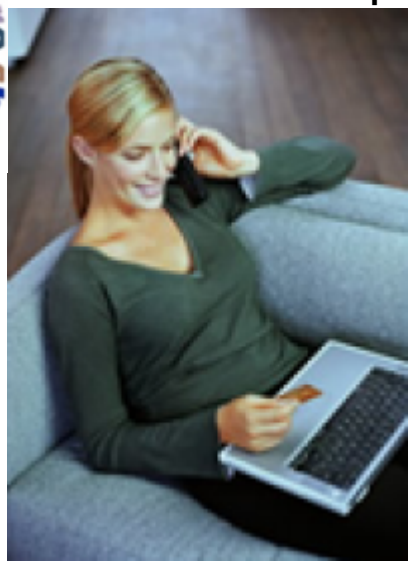
Uses

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



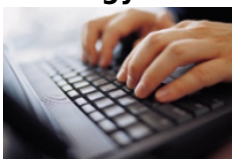
*** We wanted better communication with our customers, hence the decision to be more present on social media. ***



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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