*Let’s be careful with Cause & Effect words ☺*

A. Subordinate clause + independent clause: If …, then … / because / since / due to

*Note*: If he …, John … 🡸 comma

 John … if he … 🡸 no comma

1. If he doesn’t come back by eight o’clock, John will miss the movie.
2. John will miss the movie if he doesn’t come home by eight o’clock.
3. Due to the extremely icy conditions, all roads were closed.
4. All roads were closed due to the extremely icy conditions.
5. Since Japan is a small, crowded country, land prices are very high.
6. Land prices are very high since Japan is a small, crowded country.
7. Because my dog was muddy, I gave him a bath.
8. I gave my dog a bath because he was muddy

B. Two independent clauses using so

He didn’t come back by eight o’clock. His father became angry. 🡺

1. He doesn’t come back by eight o’clock, so his father became angry.
2. I want to get a new computer, so I have to save money.
3. This summer was exceptionally hot, so beverage companies did very, very well.
4. Beijing will host the 2008 Summer Olympics, so the Chinese government is working hard to make the city attractive.

C. Sentences using thus / as a consequence / consequently / for that reason / for this reason / therefore / as a result

1. John didn’t come back by eight o’clock; as a result, he missed her phone call.
2. John didn’t come back by eight o’clock. As a result, he missed her phone call.
3. John missed her phone call because he didn’t come back by eight o’clock. *(no comma!)*
4. Because he didn’t come back by eight o’clock, John missed her phone call. (*Note the comma!)*
5. Mr. Fukuda resigned suddenly; consequently, soon there will be yet another general election.
6. Mr. Fukuda resigned suddenly. Consequently, soon there will be yet another general election.
7. Soon there will be yet another general election because Mr. Fukuda resigned suddenly. *(no comma!)*
8. Because Mr. Fukuda resigned suddenly, soon there will be yet another general election. (*Note the comma!)*
9. Global warming has caused the average temperature to rise slowly but steadily over the last three decades. For that reason, spring is starting earlier and birds migrate sooner than in the past.
10. …decades; for that reason…
11. Spring is starting earlier and birds migrate sooner than in the past because global warming has caused the average temperature to rise slowly but steadily over the last three decades. *(no comma!)*
12. Because global warming has caused the average temperature to rise slowly but steadily over the last three decades, spring is starting earlier and birds migrate sooner than in the past. (*Note the comma!)*