## therefore

Apresyan (En-Ru)

#### ['ðeəfɔ:] adv по этой причине; вследствие этого; поэтому, следовательно

they lost the bet, therefore they must pay - они проиграли спор и поэтому должны отдавать деньги /расплачиваться/ I think, therefore I am - я мыслю, следовательно, я существую

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### there-fore [therefore] BrE ['ðeəfɔ\_0] NAmE ['ðerfɔ\_]r adverb

used to introduce the logical result of sth that has just been mentioned

- He's only 17 and therefore not eligible to vote.
- . There is still much to discuss. We shall, therefore, return to this item at our next meeting.

#### Language Bank:

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#### Ways of saying 'For this reason...'

Today's children eat more junk food and get less exercise than previous generations of children. It is not surprising, therefore -, that rates of childhood obesity are on the increase.

- Children who grow up on a diet of junk food find it difficult to change this habit later in life. It is essential, therefore -, that

parents encourage healthy eating from an early age.

Children who grow up on a diet of junk food find it difficult to change this habit later in life. For this reason •, / This is why • it is essential that children eat healthily from an early age.

• Eating habits formed in childhood tend to continue into adult life. **Thus** •, the best way to prevent heart disease among adults is to encourage healthy eating from an early age.

• Eating habits formed in childhood tend to continue into adult life, **hence** • the importance of encouraging healthy eating from an early age.

#### Language Banks at <sup>†</sup>because of, <sup>†</sup>cause, <sup>†</sup>consequently, <sup>†</sup>emphasis, <sup>†</sup>vital

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#### there fore S1 W1 /'ðeəfɔ \$ 'ðerfɔ /r BrE AmE adverb formal

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#### as a result of something that has just been mentioned:

- Their car was bigger and therefore more comfortable.
- Progress so far has been very good. We are, therefore, confident that the work will be completed on time.

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#### In everyday English, people usually use so rather than therefore :

It was late, so I didn't stay long.

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• therefore for this reason: She already had a lot of experience and therefore seemed the best candidate for the job.

• so therefore. So is less formal than therefore, and is more common in everyday English: They had not eaten all day, so they were very hungry.

• thus formal as a result of what you have just mentioned: The program is very simple and thus easy to run.

• hence formal for this reason: This material is highly poisonous, hence the importance of careful handling.

• as a result used when saying that because of a particular situation, something else happens or is true: Some people suffer from stress at work and become ill as a result. | Economic growth slowed down as a result of inflation.

• consequently/as a consequence used when saying that because of a particular situation, something else happens or is true. Consequently and as a consequence are more formal than as a result: The disease attacks the plant, the flower does not open, and consequently no seeds are produced. As a consequence of global warming, our climate is already starting to change.

this means that used when saying what the result of something is: If students arrive late, this means that lesson time is wasted.

• for this reason used when explaining the reason for something: Spell check programs do not recognize when you have used the wrong word. For this reason, you must still read over your work carefully.

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