Academic vocabulary expressing purpose cause and effect
Work in groups of three or four. Take turns choosing one of the things below and asking the other people in your group for explanations (pretending to be a politician etc when that makes more sense). The best reason wins. Each person should use a different one of these expressions to give their reasons with:

- so that + subject + verb
- in order that + subject + verb
- (in order) to + infinitive
- for + noun

Things to give reasons for

- You *set back* the election until 2015.
- You decided to make a *gradual transition* from teaching English to teaching Chinese.
- You changed the football pitch to *artificial* grass (made from *synthetic materials*).
- You introduced *compulsory* military service for all men and women.
- You sent all the American *diplomats* out of the country.
- You *wired up* your house to your neighbour's internet connection.
- You sat on a child's chair until the legs *buckled*.
- You *suspended* free bus passes for the elderly.
- You asked a *subordinate* to clean your car.

Do the same but this time trying to think of good consequences of the things below happening, using different phrases from here:

- … made… happen
- …Consequently…
- … lead to…
- Since…, …
- Owing to…, ….
- …. resulted in…
- … triggered…
- …, triggering…
- Because of…, …
- … caused…
- … allowed…

Things to explain positive consequences of

- You *submitted* your tax returns three weeks late
- You *equated* education with thought control in a speech to school kids.
- You *exceeded* the speed limit.
- Your policies *excluded* all disabled children from state schools.
- You *exploited* illegal immigrants by paying under the national legal minimum wage.
- You *extracted* the wrong tooth from a patient.
- You *extracted* so much oil from an oilfield that the ground above began to sink.
- You caused the price of staple foods to wildly *fluctuate*.
- You let a friend copy your preview DVD of a *forthcoming* film
- You made jokes about your tutor's *hypothesis* that he later found out about.
- You copied most of your *thesis* from Wikipedia

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