



Formal English for Professionals

'Thereby' and 'Therefore'

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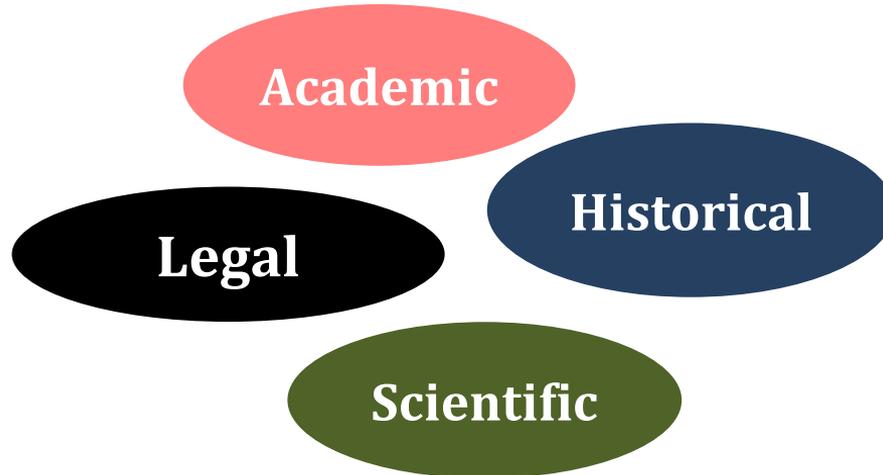


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These are adverbs composed of 2 elements, each element contributing to the meaning:

1. Pronoun 'here' or 'there'

2. One (or two) relevant prepositions

- 'Here' refers to something in proximity or within the same document
- 'There' refers to something external or to something at a distance

Similarly...



For this/ that
reason



therefore



This conference hall is the largest in the city;
therefore, most businesses prefer it over the smaller venues.

By this/ that
means



thereby



He signed the agreement, **thereby** binding himself to the company for 2 years.

The difference between 'thereby' and 'therefore' - MEANING



Complete the table below by choosing from the given options:

Thereby	Therefore

For that reason;
consequently

By that means; as a result
of that

The difference between 'thereby' and 'therefore' - DEFINITION



Complete the table below by choosing from the given options:

Thereby	Therefore

Indicates the reason why something happened or as done as a result of the first clause

Gives further information relating to the result of the first clause

The difference between 'thereby' and 'therefore' - FREQUENCY



Complete the table below by choosing from the given options:

Thereby	Therefore

Less common

More common

The difference between 'thereby' and 'therefore' – WHERE TO USE THEM



Complete the table below by choosing from the given options:

Thereby	Therefore

Mainly as a conjunction
between clauses

At the start of a sentence or
as a conjunction between
clauses

The difference between 'thereby' and 'therefore' - PUNCTUATION



Complete the table below by choosing from the given options:

Thereby	Therefore

A comma or semi-colon
before and comma after

Comma before

Punctuation surrounding 'therefore'

- Within the same clause – commas before and after
The objections he raised were, therefore, ignored.
- At the start of a clause – comma after
Therefore, the objections he raised were ignored.
- When 2 clauses are being linked – full stop or semi colon before and comma after
My manager had already informed me about his resignation; therefore, the objections he raised were ignored.

Here's a trick to help you choose...



Is the distinction between 'thereby' and 'therefore'
still not 100% clear for you?

Ask yourself **HOW** or **WHY!**

Thereby – Result = **HOW**

Therefore – Reason = **WHY**



Fill in the blanks by choosing the best option between therefore or thereby – Part 1

Examples:

0. The economy is bad right now, _____ dropping the value of my portfolio.

00. The economy is bad right now; _____, I am on my way to debtor's prison.

1. She bought the stock at the right time and, _____ became rich.

2. Why not reinvest the cash ourselves, _____ boosting stock prices, the gains from which will ultimately be taxed at a lower capital gains rate?

3. An attempt is made to obtain information as to what the physical parameters responsible for the observed deviations in the profiles are and, _____ to suggest some possible improvements in the methods used for model predictions for low latitudes.

Fill in the blanks by choosing the best option between therefore or thereby – Part 2



4. This study, _____, sought to assess the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of institutional food-handlers in Ghana, with regard to food hygienic practices and over-all safety.
5. Dutch euthanasia practice is legalised and, _____, becomes a collective responsibility.
6. In large scale cooking, food is handled by many individuals, _____ increasing the chances of food contamination due to improper handling.
7. The aim of the military action was to open the roads to Sarajevo and, _____ end the capital's 40-month siege.
8. He was injured; _____, he was unable to play.
9. Our bodies can sweat, _____ losing heat by evaporation.

BONUS EXERCISE



Complete the sentences below using *thereby* or *therefore* and decide if any punctuation marks are required.

- A. During the discussion, the participants are invited to communicate their ideas and experiences to each other, which will _____ encourage and stimulate further discussion.
- B. The economy was hard hit _____ many companies had to diversify in order to survive.



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