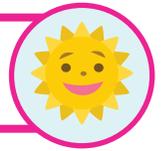




First Day of School: Cause and Effect



Name: _____

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As you read the story below, think about cause and effect. Underline examples of cause and circle examples of effect. Then fill out the T-chart with the examples of cause and effect you identified in the story.

REMEMBER: **Cause** is the thing that makes something else happen. **Effect** is the thing that happens.

I woke up with a start. Something was beeping loudly in my ear. I stretched my arm out, and groggily pushed the snooze button on my alarm clock. "Why does school start so early?" I mumbled into my pillow before slowly drifting back to sleep. Twenty minutes later, my mom rushed into my room. "What are you doing in bed?" she screeched. "You're going to be late for your first day of school!" My eyes snapped open. It was the first day of school! I jumped out of bed and bolted to my closet where I grabbed some clothes and hastily put them on. I snatched my backpack from the chair by the front door before running towards the bus stop. But as I approached the bus stop, I saw it pulling away from the curb. I groaned as I watched it disappear down the street. Now I would have to walk to school.

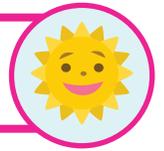
I decided to take a shortcut through Mr. Henry's field, even though there was a big fence and a sign that said "NO TRESPASSING" in big red letters. I looked around to see if Mr. Henry was out before jumping over the fence. But, as I jumped, my backpack got caught in the wire barbs that lined the top of the fence. I tugged with all my might, trying to get it free, but it was no use, it was stuck. I would have to leave it and come back for it after school. I jogged across the field, hoping Mr. Henry wouldn't see me and ducked through the gate on the other side.

Phew! I saw school just ahead now! I continued jogging, and reached the front steps just as the first bell rang. I breathed a sigh of relief and swung open the front door. As I walked inside, I heard a burst of laughter. I saw a group of kids pointing at me and another group just staring with their mouths agape. "What is it now?" I wondered, looking down at my shoes. That's when I noticed it -- I wasn't wearing shoes! My mismatched socks were covered in straw from my shortcut through the field. Embarrassed, I quickly ran towards my classroom, but my socks were slippery on the tile floor and I fell, SPLAT! right onto my back.

"This is the worst day ever!" I muttered, lying on the floor. Just as I thought I should give up and go home, my best friend Mayra spotted me. She ran over and helped me up. "Looks like it was a rough morning," she chuckled. I nodded glumly. "I have some extra shoes in my locker," she offered. Within minutes, I was wearing shoes and my day was looking much brighter.



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Example: Something was beeping loudly in my ear ---> I woke up with a start
(cause) **(effect)**

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Clue Words for Cause and Effect

CAUSE

the reason why something happened

EFFECT

what happened because of something else

Clue Words to show cause and effect relationships

since

because

so

as a result

if... then

Examples: Rosa ran 20 miles yesterday (cause) so she was sore today. (effect)

Since (cause) David has a cold, he did not go to school. (effect)

Directions: Match the cause and effect in the two columns below to make a complete sentence. Circle the clue words that help you see a cause-and-effect relationship.

Because most owls sleep during the day

so I went to help him.

I saw the boy crying

then you will do well in this class.

As a result of the strong storm

they often hunt at night.

If you study hard and ask questions

the whole town was flooded.

Since Dante practiced volleyball daily

he was an excellent player.

Directions: Choose one of the complete sentences above to draw a picture showing the connected events.

CAUSE	EFFECT

Your turn! Write your own cause-and-effect sentences using the sentence frames provided.

1. If _____ (cause), then _____
_____ (effect).

2. Since _____ (cause), _____
_____ (effect).

Cause and Effect: Structure

Cause and effect are connected events.	Cause (First)	Effect (Then)
A cause is the <i>first event</i> and the effect is the <i>second event</i> , or resulting action, that happens after the cause.	It rained for three months in India.	There were floods.

Directions: Label the signal words "SW," and underline and label the cause "C" and the effect "E" in different colors. Some signal words may include the following: "because," "due to," "lead to," "since," "as a result," and "if-then" sentences.



Precipitation, or rain, happens because warm air is filled with heavy water droplets and rain falls. When the sun heats up water, it leads to water droplets rising into the air. Water droplets join together in the sky and make clouds. The droplets get bigger in the clouds due to water droplets bumping into each other. Since the droplets get heavier and heavier, they eventually fall as rain.

While most rain does not last very long, monsoon seasons can last for months. A monsoon is a seasonal wind system from the Indian Ocean. It blows from the southwest in the summer and the northeast in the winter. When the wind system hits the southwest, heavy rain begins.

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Every summer, India has storms that never seem to end. The rain can last for up to five months. As a result, large amounts of water cover southern Asia and the Indian Ocean. People and wildlife rely on these seasonal monsoons because the storms help water the crops and replenish rivers. If a monsoon strikes too early in the summer, then dangerous floods can wipe out whole towns. But if a monsoon happens too late, then the lack of water can cause droughts and famine. Famine and drought can cause thirsty plants and hungry people. The balance between the right amount of rain can affect many people.

Challenge: Find cause-and-effect relationships that do not have typical signal words or phrases.

Pair the Cause and Effect

<p>Cause and effect are connected events.</p> <p>A cause is the <i>first event</i> and the effect is the <i>second event</i>, or resulting action, that happens after the cause.</p>	First:	Then:
	<p>Emilio forgot his house key at school.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>So, he went to his friend's house while he waited for his parents to come home.</p>

Directions: Read the events. Draw a line connecting the cause to the effect. Then, copy them in the correct location on the T-chart.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sasha had to do school work during lunch 2. I wanted to go back home 3. Since I knew my friends were performing their poetry, 4. Because the mail was late 5. The reason I didn't go to practice is | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Joshua didn't get his birthday card on his birthday. B. because she didn't bring her homework to school. C. I went to the auditorium to hear the show. D. because I needed to finish my homework. E. since I did not feel welcomed at the party. |
|--|---|

Cause	Effect
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.