



Cause and effect

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Practice

A parent or tutor should read to the student and help the student to record their answers.

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**Cause and effect** are about how one thing can cause something else to happen.

The **cause** is *why* something happened.

The **effect** is *what* happened.

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Here are some examples of **cause and effect**.
Circle the most likely **effect** of each **cause**.

cause	effect
1. Ethan slipped on the icy sidewalk. What happened because Ethan slipped on the sidewalk?	Ethan hurt his elbow.
	Ethan gave his dog a snack.

cause	effect
2. Ava drew a picture of a rainbow. What happened because Ava drew a picture of a rainbow?	Ava's mom went to the drugstore.
	Ava's mom put the rainbow picture on the refrigerator.

cause	effect
3. Michael invited Sam to his birthday party. What happened because Michael invited Sam to his birthday party?	Sam picked out a birthday present for Michael.
	Sam went to the library.

cause	effect
4. Anna's puppy wanted to play. What happened because Anna's puppy wanted to play?	Anna played with her puppy.
	Anna took out her coloring book.

cause	effect
5. Ryan left his sweatshirt outside in the rain. What happened because Ryan left his sweatshirt outside in the rain?	Ryan's sweatshirt got wet.
	Ryan went to the movies.

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6. Here is a **cause**: John's shoelace came untied.  
 What might be an **effect**?

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## Answer Key

1. Ethan hurt his elbow.
2. Ava's mom put the rainbow picture on the refrigerator.
3. Sam picked out a birthday picture for Michael.
4. Ana played with her puppy.
5. Ryan's sweatshirt got wet.
6. Accept and discuss any reasonable answers, such as John stepped on the untied shoelace, and tripped and fell.