



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. Ray was tired after the race. What happened because Ray was tired?	Ray played on the swings.
	Ray sat down under a tree.

cause	effect
2. Jared's grandpa gave him a dollar. What happened because Jared's grandpa gave him a dollar?	Jared went to school.
	Jared bought an ice cream snack.

cause	effect
3. Danielle's flowers looked wilted. What happened because Danielle's flowers looked wilted?	Danielle watered the flowers.
	Danielle played with her doll.

cause	effect
4. Pablo's mother had lots of groceries in the car. What happened because Pablo's mother had lots of groceries in the car?	Pablo played checkers with his friend.
	Pablo helped his mother bring in the groceries.

cause	effect
5. Jackie's toy cars were all over the living room floor. What happened because Jackie's toy cars were all over the living room floor?	Jackie's mother told him to pick up his toy cars.
	Jackie turned on the television.

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6. Here is a **cause**: Ronnie told his friend Max a funny joke.  
 What might be an **effect**?

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### Answer Key

1. Ray sat down under a tree.
2. Jared bought an ice cream snack.
3. Danielle watered the flowers.
4. Pablo helped his mother bring in the groceries.
5. Jackie's mother told him to pick up his toy cars.
6. Accept and discuss any reasonable answers, such as, Max laughed at Ronnie's joke.