

# Cause and effect

## Grade 2 Comprehension Worksheet

**Cause** and **effect** are about how one thing can happen because of something else.

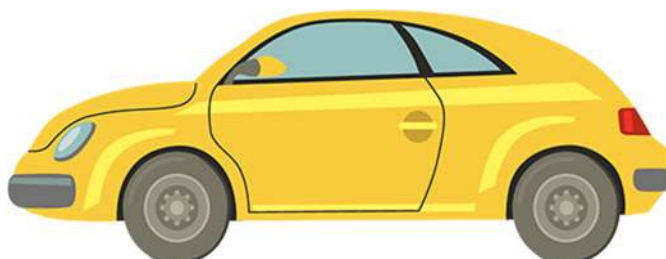
The **cause** is why something happened.

The **effect** is what happened.

Read the **effect**. Circle the best **cause**!

Effect	Cause
1. The hamster ran under the couch. What could have caused this?	Brian forgot to close the hamster's cage.
	Brian fed his hamster.

Effect	Cause
2. Dad's car wouldn't start. What could have caused this?	Dad's car is fast.
	Dad's car ran out of gas.



Effect	Cause
3. The kitchen smelled like smoke. What could have caused this?	Someone burned dinner.
	We ate a snack.

Effect	Cause
4. Allie put on a sweatshirt. What could have caused this?	Allie was chilly.
	Allie just ran a race.

5. Here is an **effect**: The class got very quiet.  
What could have **caused** this?

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6. Here is an **effect**: Connor got a trophy.  
What might have **caused** this?

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## Answers

1. Brian forgot to close the hamster's cage.
2. Dad's car ran out of gas.
3. Someone burned dinner.
4. Allie was chilly.
5. Accept any reasonable answer.
6. Accept any reasonable answer.