

# Cause and effect

## Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

The **cause** is why something happened.

**For example:**

*Myra couldn't fall asleep last night.*

The **effect** is what happened.

**For example:**

*Myra is very tired today.*

### 1. Read the story once and think about cause and effect:

Maddy stepped outside and felt the heat right away. The sun was high in the sky, and the sidewalk was burning hot. It was the hottest day of the summer!



She ran to her best friend Mateo's house. "It's way too hot!" she said. "What should we do?"

Mateo wiped his forehead. "Let's get ice pops!" They ran to the freezer, but the popsicle box was empty.

"No ice pops? Bummer! Guess we can't eat something cold then," Maddy groaned. "Now what?"

"Let's use the sprinkler!" Mateo said.

They pulled the garden hose across the yard. Mateo turned the handle, but nothing came out.

"There's no water!" he said.

"The outdoor faucet broke yesterday," she said. "We can't use the hose for now."

Mateo flopped onto the grass. "This is the worst! Now we can't get wet and cool down either."

Then, Mateo had an idea. "What if we make our own shade?"

They grabbed blankets, chairs and clothespins and built a big fort between two trees. Inside, it was shady and cooler.

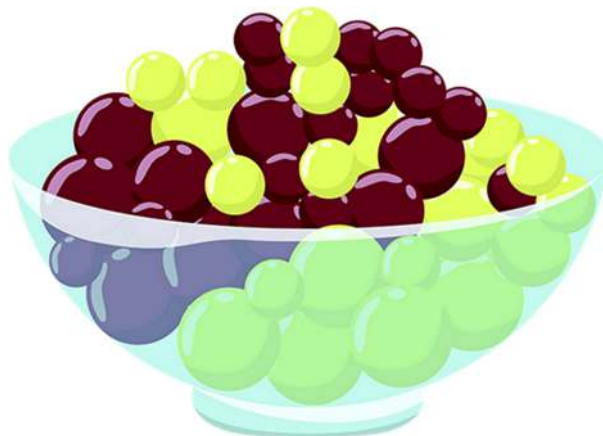
"This is much better," Maddy said.

Mateo's mom brought them a bowl of frozen grapes. "Try these," she said. The cold fruit tasted amazing.

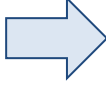
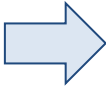

A soft breeze blew through their fort. It wasn't much, but it helped.

"This might be the hottest day ever," Maddy said, "but at least we stayed cool."

Mateo grinned. "Next time, we're getting lots of ice pops!"

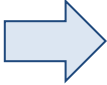
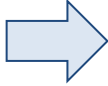
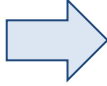
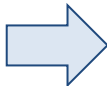
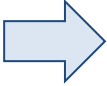
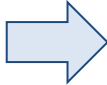
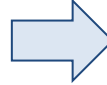


2. Read the story a second time and underline the causes and circle the effects.
3. Fill in this chart with at least three examples of cause and effect that you found in the story:

Cause	Effect
	
	
	

## Answers

Answers may include any of the following:

Cause		Effect
It was the hottest day of the summer.		Maddy and Mateo felt too hot and wanted to cool off.
The popsicle box was empty.		They couldn't eat ice pops.
The outdoor faucet broke yesterday.		They couldn't use the hose.
The hose wasn't working.		They couldn't use the sprinkler.
They built a fort with blankets and chairs.		They had a shady, cool place to sit.
Mateo's mom gave them frozen grapes.		The cold fruit helped them cool down.
A small breeze blew through their fort.		The day felt a little better.