



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. When Luca was little, he was afraid of the chickens on his grandpa's farm. What happened because Luca was afraid of the chickens?	Luca's friend came to visit.
	Luca's grandpa showed him how to shoo the chickens away.

cause	effect
2. Luca learned to shoo the chickens away by waving his hand, saying "Shoo chicks, shoo chicks!" What happened because Luca learned to shoo the chickens away?	Luca wasn't afraid of the chickens any more.
	Luca played with his grandpa's dog.

cause	effect
3. Alex's grandpa lives on the 18 th floor of an apartment building. What happened because Alex's grandpa lived on the 18 th floor?	When Alex was little, he was afraid to look out his grandpa's windows.
	Alex's grandpa took him to the library.

cause	effect
4. Alex's grandpa sat with him at the window, and showed him all the interesting things in the city. What happened because Alex's grandpa sat with him at the window?	Alex played with his toy cars.
	Alex wasn't afraid to look out the windows any more.

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5. Here is a **cause**: Luca thanked his grandpa for showing him how to shoo the chickens away.  
 What might be an **effect**?

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6. Here is a **cause**: Alex asked his grandpa to tell him more about the things they could see out his grandpa's windows.  
 What might be an **effect**?

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**Answer Key**

1. Luca's grandpa showed him how to shoo the chickens away.
2. Luca wasn't afraid of the chickens any more.
3. When Alex was little, he was afraid to look out his grandpa's windows.
4. Alex wasn't afraid to look out the windows any more.
- 5 - 6. Accept and discuss any reasonable answers.