



## CAUSE/EFFECT

A cause is why something happens or what makes something happen. An effect is what happens as a result of a cause.

### TIPS:

- A cause tells why or gives a reason something happened. An effect tells the thing that happened.
- Cause and effect events show a relationship.
- Cause and effect can involve a problem and a solution.
- Many passages contain a problem and a chain of effects that lead to a solution.
- Watch for signal words. They are clues that a cause or effect is being stated.

### SIGNAL WORDS:

- because
- so
- since
- therefore
- as a result
- on account of
- reason
- so that if...
- this led to
- if...then

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### QUESTION STEMS:

- What caused \_\_\_ to \_\_\_?
- What effect did \_\_\_ have on \_\_\_?
- What events caused \_\_\_?
- What might happen if \_\_\_?
- What was the effect of \_\_\_?
- The character \_\_\_\_\_ because ...
- What were the results when \_\_\_?
- What was the MAIN reason the character \_\_\_?
- What MOST likely caused \_\_\_?
- Why does the character \_\_\_?
- What happened to make \_\_\_ feel \_\_\_?