

ENGLISH · GRADES 3–4

Cause and Effect

Why did it happen? What happened next?

What's the difference?

A CAUSE is what makes something happen. The EFFECT is what happens because of it. Often you can find them by asking 'why?' (you'll get a cause) or 'so what?' (you'll get an effect). One cause can have many effects, and one effect can have many causes — that's why these are interesting to map.

1. CAUSE → EFFECT (from the start of the story)

Cause: _____ → Effect: _____

2. CAUSE → EFFECT

Cause: _____ → Effect: _____



3. CAUSE → EFFECT

Cause: _____ → Effect: _____

4. CAUSE → EFFECT

Cause: _____ → Effect: _____

5. The biggest cause-effect chain in the story

Describe a chain where one effect becomes the cause of the next thing.

6. Reflection

Could the story have ended differently? What if one of these causes had been different?

