



# Cause and effect

## Grade 1 Reading Comprehension Worksheet



**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.

Read the **cause**. Circle the most likely **effect**.

| Cause                                                                                             | Effect                      |
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| 1. Ethan slipped on the icy sidewalk.<br>What happened because Ethan slipped on the icy sidewalk? | Ethan hurt his elbow.       |
|                                                                                                   | Ethan gave his dog a snack. |

| Cause                                                                                         | Effect                                                 |
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| 2. Ava drew a picture of a rainbow.<br>What happened because Ava drew a picture of a rainbow? | Ava's mom went to the drugstore.                       |
|                                                                                               | Ava's mom put the rainbow picture on the refrigerator. |





| Cause                                                                                                             | Effect                                         |
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| 3. Michael invited Sam to his birthday party.<br>What happened because Michael invited Sam to his birthday party? | Sam picked out a birthday present for Michael. |
|                                                                                                                   | Sam went to the library.                       |

| Cause                                                                                 | Effect                           |
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| 4. Anna's puppy wanted to play.<br>What happened because Anna's puppy wanted to play? | Anna played with her puppy.      |
|                                                                                       | Anna took out her coloring book. |

| Cause                                                                                                                   | Effect                     |
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| 5. Ryan left his sweatshirt outside in the rain.<br>What happened because Ryan left his sweatshirt outside in the rain? | Ryan's sweatshirt got wet. |
|                                                                                                                         | Ryan went to the movies.   |

6. Here is a **cause**: John's shoelace came untied.  
What might be an **effect**?




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## Answers

1. Ethan hurt his elbow.
2. Ava's mom put the rainbow picture on the refrigerator.
3. Sam picked out a birthday picture for Michael.
4. Ana played with her puppy.
5. Ryan's sweatshirt got wet.
6. *Accept and discuss any reasonable answers, such as, John tripped!*