

Cause & Effect


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Part 1: Definitions:


1. What is a “cause”?

A cause is something that makes something else happen. Out of two events, it is the event that happens first.

 Please consult your dictionary and write down the definition from it:

2. What is an “effect”?

An effect is what happens because of the cause. Of two related events, it's the one that happens second or last.

 Please consult your dictionary and write down the definition from it:

Part 2: Examples:

EXAMPLES OF CAUSE & EFFECT RELATIONSHIPS

CAUSE	EFFECT
The boy kicked the ball.	The ball rolled.
The boy teased the dog.	The dog growled.
Sam studied hard for a test.	Sam earned an A on his test.
Sara became really tired.	Sara went to sleep early.

Part 3: Practice

Below are lists of different events. Read each event carefully. Decide if each is the cause or the effect.

Today our class was very noisy. Randy got a bad sunburn. Emma went to the store to buy Ben a birthday present. I was very tired today. My dog Skip ran out of dog food. Our teacher turned off the lights to tell us to settle down. Last weekend Randy forgot to put on sunscreen. I went to sleep very late last night. Emma received an invitation to Ben's birthday party. My dad went to the store to buy Skip some dog food.

Record your answers on the cause and effect chart back.

answer

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Last weekend Randy forgot to put on sunscreen.	Randy got a bad sunburn.
I went to sleep very late last night.	I was very tired today.
My dog Skip ran out of dog food.	My dad went to the store to buy Skip some dog food.
Emma received an invitation to Ben's birthday party.	Emma went to the store to buy Ben a birthday present.