



Reading Comprehension Virtual Learning

Grade 6-12 Program Students

May 1, 2020



6-12 Grade Reading Comprehension
Lesson: May 1, 2020

Cause and Effect Part 2
Learning Target:

Students will identify the cause and effect in short reading passages.

Background: This is a review lesson.

- Students will identify the cause and effect of a short reading passage.

Why?

Good readers are able to identify what happens in a story (effect) and why it happened (cause).




Let's Get Started:

Watch Videos:

1. [Reading Skills: Cause and Effect](#)
2. [Cause and Effect Reading Strategy](#)

What is Cause and Effect?






Cause	So	Effect
 <small>shutterstock.com • 411668686</small> <p>*The cause happens first. *The cause answers the question, "Why did the effect happen?"</p>	 <small>shutterstock.com • 411668686</small>	 <p>*The effect happens after the cause. *The effect happens because of the cause.</p>
The sun was hot.	So	The icecream began to melt.

Example: What is the Cause and Effect?

Read the short passage. Highlight the cause **green** and effect **red**. Write the cause and effect in the chart.

Since **the day was so warm**, **the snake slithered out from under the rock and into the sunshine.**

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It's Your Turn!

Practice 1: What is the Cause and Effect?

Read the short passage. Highlight the cause **green** and effect **red**. Write the cause and effect in the chart.

The bunny was able to find lots of carrots in the garden as a result of good weather.

Remember: The cause always happens first, but, it may not be written first in the text.

<p>Cause</p>  <p>shutterstock.com • 411668686</p>	<p>So</p>  <p>shutterstock.com • 111111111</p>	<p>Effect</p> 
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Answer Key

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The weather was good.	So	The bunny was able to find lots of carrots in the garden.




It's Your Turn!

Practice 2: What is the Cause and Effect?

Read the short passage. Highlight the cause **green** and effect **red**. Write the cause and effect in the chart.

The pig ran out of the barn as fast as he could because he saw a snake near his food.

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<p>*The cause happens first. *The cause answers the question, "Why did the effect happen?"</p>		<p>*The effect happens after the cause. *The effect happens because of the cause.</p>
<p>The pig saw a snake next to his food.</p>	<p>So</p>	<p>The pig ran out of the barn as fast as he could.</p>




It's Your Turn!

Practice 3: What is the Cause and Effect?

Read the short passage. Highlight the cause **green** and effect **red**. Write the cause and effect in the chart.

The dog saw the mailman and started barking loudly.

Remember: The cause always happens first, but, it may not be written first in the text.

<p style="text-align: center;">Cause</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><small>shutterstock.com • 411668686</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">So</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><small>shutterstock.com • 411668686</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Effect</p> 
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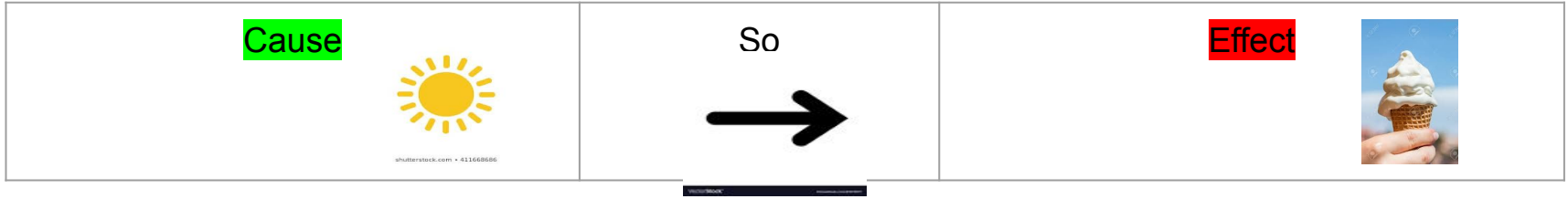
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Practice on your own:

- Click on the following link: [Cause and Effect on Quia.com](#)
- Complete numbers 1-5 on the following pages.

It's your turn!



1. Tim forgot his math book, so he was unable to complete his homework.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

2. Keegan was hungry because he skipped lunch.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

3. Erin's car had a flat tire, so she called a tow truck.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

4. Gina couldn't find the cookies because Papa hid them in the cupboard.

Cause: _____

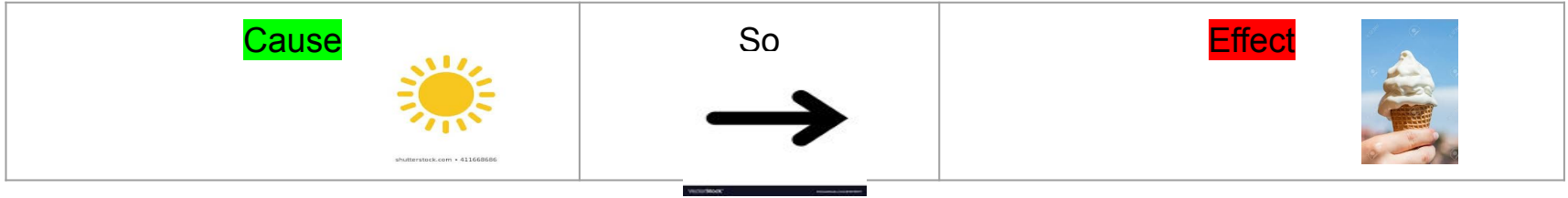
Effect: _____

5. Kelly studied her spelling words and she got an A on the test.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

Answer Key



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Effect: He was hungry.

3. Erin's car had a flat tire, so she called a tow truck.

Cause: Erin's car had a flat tire.

Effect: She called a tow truck.

4. Gina couldn't find the cookies because Papa hid them in the cupboard.

Cause: Papa hid the cookies in the cupboard.

Effect: Gina couldn't find them.

5. Kelly studied her spelling words and she got an A on the test.

Cause: Kelly studied her spelling words.

Effect: She got an A on her test.

Self Check:

Go tell someone in your home your answers.



1. Was this lesson?

- easy
- just right
- hard

2. Read to an adult at home and tell them about the story. How many cause and effect situations can you find in the story?