

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
1. Ethan slipped on the icy sidewalk. What happened because Ethan slipped on the icy sidewalk?	Ethan hurt his elbow.
	Ethan gave his dog a snack.

Cause	Effect
2. Ava drew a picture of a rainbow. 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
<p>3. Michael invited Sam to his birthday party. What happened because Michael invited Sam to his birthday party?</p>	<p>Sam picked out a birthday present for Michael.</p>
	<p>Sam went to the library.</p>

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

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

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



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!*