Cause and Effect: Write Sentences 1

...is why something happens.
...happens first (but not always in the text).
...answers the question ‘why did this happen’.

...is what happens.
...happens last (but not always in the text).
...answers the question ‘what happened’.

The following signal words can be used to help identify and explain cause and effect relationships.

so  therefore  if  for this reason  since  this leads to
thus  due to  because  as a result  consequently  then

Write a sentence for each to show the cause/effect relationship. Use signal words to help you.

1)  **Cause:** The ball was flat.  **Effect:** Tim got a pump.

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2)  **Cause:** Paula ate too much.  **Effect:** She had a sore stomach.

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3)  **Cause:** Someone knocked on the door.  **Effect:** The dog barked.

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4)  **Cause:** Sarah saw her friend.  **Effect:** She smiled.

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