

Cause and Effect 1

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Cause: _____

Effect: _____

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Cause: _____

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3. It began to spit and so Paul took out his umbrella.

Cause: _____

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4. Since it was almost bell time, the teacher asked the class to tidy up.

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Cause: _____

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Cause and Effect 1 **Answers**

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Cause: **Winning first place**

Effect: **Carolina was happy**

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Cause: **Footsteps outside**

Effect: **Dog barked**

3. It began to spit and so Paul took out his umbrella.

Cause: **Began to spit**

Effect: **Took out umbrella**

4. Since it was almost bell time, the teacher asked the class to tidy up.

Cause: **Almost bell time**

Effect: **Class asked to tidy up**

5. If Louise does her jobs, she gets ten dollars from her parents.

Cause: **Louise does her jobs**

Effect: **Receives ten dollars**