Cause and Effect

...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’.

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Read each sentence below. Work out the cause and effect.

1. Carolina was happy because she had won first place.
   Cause: _______________________________________________________
   Effect: ______________________________________________________

2. The footsteps outside caused the dog to start barking.
   Cause: ______________________________________________________
   Effect: _____________________________________________________

3. It began to spit and so Paul took out his umbrella.
   Cause: ______________________________________________________
   Effect: _____________________________________________________

4. Since it was almost bell time, the teacher asked the class to tidy up.
   Cause: ______________________________________________________
   Effect: _____________________________________________________

5. If Louise does her jobs, she gets ten dollars from her parents.
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1. Carolina was happy because she had won first place.
   Cause: Winning first place
   Effect: Carolina was happy

2. The footsteps outside caused the dog to start barking.
   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