**Cause and Effect 2**

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...answers the question ‘**why did this happen**’.

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   **Effect:**
   
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   **Cause:**
   
   **Effect:**
   
3. The class were made to stay in because they were so noisy.

   **Cause:**
   
   **Effect:**
   
4. Sarah screamed when she saw a mouse.

   **Cause:**
   
   **Effect:**
   
5. The car wouldn’t start. For this reason, Gary called for help.

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   Effect: Sport cancelled

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   Cause: Class was noisy
   Effect: They had to stay in

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   Cause: Sarah saw a mouse
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   Cause: Car wouldn’t start
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