

Cause and Effect 2

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Cause: _____

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2. Visiting the theatre when he was six years old lead to a lifelong love of singing.

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: _____

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5. The car wouldn't start. For this reason, Gary called for help.

Cause: _____

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Cause and Effect 2 **Answers**

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Cause: **Weather**

Effect: **Sport cancelled**

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Cause: **Visiting the theatre at six years old**

Effect: **Lifelong love of singing**

3. The class were made to stay in because they were so noisy.

Cause: **Class was noisy**

Effect: **They had to stay in**

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Cause: **Sarah saw a mouse**

Effect: **She screamed**

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Cause: **Car wouldn't start**

Effect: **Gary called for help**