# Cause and Effect

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...answers the question '**why did this happen**'.

**Effect**

...is **what** happens.

...happens **last** (but not always in the text).

...answers the question '**what happened**'.

| Signal words can be used to help identify and explain cause and effect: | | | | | |
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| so | therefore | if | for this reason | since | this leads to |
| thus | due to | because | as a result | consequently | then |

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

1. Maddy was happy because she had won first place.

**Cause:** _____

**Effect:** _____

2. If the cage door if left open, the bird might escape.

**Cause:** _____

**Effect:** _____

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

**Cause:** _____

**Effect:** _____

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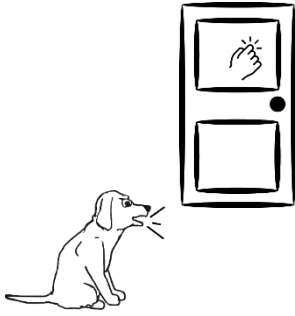
**Cause:** _____

**Effect:** _____

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

**Cause:** _____

**Effect:** _____

# Cause and Effect <span style="color:red">Answers</span>

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**Cause:** <span style="color:red">Winning first place</span>

**Effect:** <span style="color:red">Maddy was happy</span>

2. If the cage door if left open, the bird might escape.

**Cause:** <span style="color:red">Cage door open</span>

**Effect:** <span style="color:red">Bird might escape</span>

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

**Cause:** <span style="color:red">Louise does her jobs</span>

**Effect:** <span style="color:red">Receives ten dollars</span>