

One Thing Leads to Another

cause and effect

Read each paragraph. Then answer the questions.

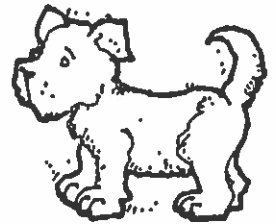
Tien was sitting on the swing. Juan walked up behind him. Juan grabbed the swing in both hands, pulled as he backed up, ran forward, and ducked under the swing as it soared into the air. Tien rode up in the air, then came whooshing back down. He used his legs to pump and continued in the back and forth arc.

1. What caused Tien to go forward? _____
2. What was the effect of Tien's going forward? _____

Jan set her lunch bag on the seat of the bus. She turned around in her seat to talk to a friend, bumping the bag onto the floor. Her apple rolled four seats forward, and her popcorn dispersed into a white puddle. Jan watched as her drink bottle bounced three times, then exploded.

3. What caused Jan's lunch to hit the floor? _____
4. What was the effect of the bottle bouncing three times? _____

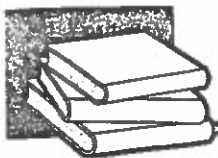
Asia desperately wanted a puppy. She wrote a plan for paying for the new pet and for caring for it. Then she demonstrated her responsibility by helping with household chores for a month. Her parents were so impressed, they agreed to the new addition to the household.



5. What caused Asia to write a plan? _____
6. What was the effect of Asia's helping with chores? _____

Write and answer one cause question and one effect question for the paragraph.

Pavel set his alarm for 7:30 a.m. so he would have half an hour to finish his homework in the morning. He went to sleep. That night, there was a thunderstorm. The power went out for five minutes, then came back on. The next morning, Pavel's mom called for him at eight o'clock. Pavel couldn't believe it. His alarm had not gone off. He had to rush to get ready for school and finish his homework.



Snow

cause and effect



Read the text.

The landscape was a sparkling, blinding whiteness. The rare hours of sunshine managed to locate each and every snowflake on the surface of the snow, using it to magnify and reflect its brightness. Crystie and Stella were outside with a crystal chart, trying to identify snowflake types. They had already identified stellar dendrites, hexagonal plates, needle crystals, and powder snow this winter. They were hoping to mark off the spatial dendrites or column crystals today. Stella was holding a smattering of flakes on a piece of black fabric. Crystie had taken off one mitten and put it in her pocket and held the magnifying glass with her bare hand. The girls heard a noise and looked up. The snow shimmer temporarily blinded them, preventing them from seeing the large white shape leaping across the yard. WHAM! The dog barreled into both girls. Crystie fell backwards into a snowbank and came up sputtering. "Down, Tiny!" she demanded. "Get off me!" Her hand was wet, red, and icy. The magnifying glass was nowhere to be seen. Stella had fallen facedown. Tiny's hind legs were in the middle of her back, preventing Stella from getting to her feet. Tiny finally leaped off Stella to grab the black square of fabric. Tug-of-war was his favorite game after "knock down."

1. What effect did the sun have on the snow?

2. What immediate effect did the noise have?

3. What cause prevented the girls from seeing the dog?

4. What effect did Tiny's barreling into Crystie have?

5. Crystie's cold hand is the result of two causes. List them.

6. What cause prevented Stella from getting up out of the snow?
