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Cause and Effect

Focus

When one event causes another to happen, the events have a **cause-and-effect relationship**.

- A **cause** is the reason an event happens.
- An **effect** is the result of the cause.

Writers use words such as *because*, *since*, *therefore*, and *so* to show the reader that a **cause-and-effect** relationship has taken place.

Practice

For each item below, there are two sentences—one that states a cause and one that states an effect. Circle each cause and underline each effect.

1. It rained all day long. I was soaking wet when I got home from work.
2. People were wearing heavy coats, hats, and gloves. It was cold and windy outside.
3. Our town had a parade to congratulate the football players. Our football team won the championship game.
4. I studied for my spelling test for two days. I got an A on my spelling test.
5. I fell down when I was playing soccer today. I got a grass stain on my new pants.