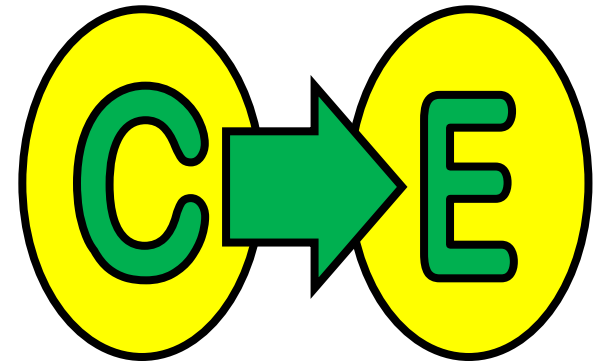


Grades 3-6

Identifying Cause & Effect Task Cards



24 cards, each with a different short story for students to use to find cause and effect.

- ✓ Correlated with Common Core Standard RL1
- ✓ Answer Sheets and Keys included
- ✓ Great for fast finishers

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Identifying Cause & Effect Task Cards

Use these 24 task cards to help your students identify cause and effect relationships in text. Each card has a short story and asks students to identify both a cause and an effect from the text.

There are several ways to use these cards. You could use them orally with small groups and have students discuss the answers. They could also be used individually with students answering on notebook paper or on provided answer sheets. Students can check their work using the included answer keys.

These cards will look best in color, but will also print out fine in grayscale. Simply print and cut along the guidelines. Laminate and use them again and again. Another option is to print on card stock. The label on this page can be used for your Reading Strategies Center or on the container or baggie you use to hold the cards.

This set of cards is for identifying cause and effect relationships. If you would like your students to practice generating cause and effect, you might be interested in this set of task cards: <http://bit.ly/xmeXiC>

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Cause & Effect

Task Cards C → E

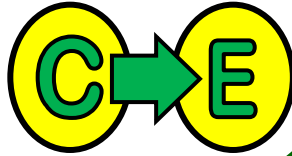
Cause & Effect

Amelia was on her way to the office. Her teacher had asked her to bring some papers to the secretary. A boy accidentally bumped into her. Amelia dropped all of the papers on the floor. The boy apologized and helped her to clean them up.

1

What caused Amelia to drop the papers?

What was the effect of Amelia dropping the papers?



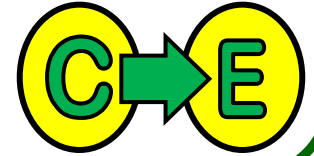
Cause & Effect

Monica was baking cookies. She had just put a batch in the oven when the phone rang. It was her friend, Phoebe. After awhile, Monica smelled something burning. "Oh no, the cookies!" she said, and quickly hung up the phone. The cookies were black. Monica sighed and threw them in the garbage.

2

What caused the cookies to burn?

What was the effect of burning the cookies?



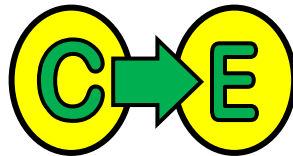
Cause & Effect

Mario looked at the clock. The bus would be here in a few minutes! He threw his sandwich into his lunch bag and then tossed in an apple and a juice box. He made it to the bus in time, but at lunch time, he found his sandwich was a squishy mess! Mario decided to buy hot lunch instead.

3

What caused Mario's sandwich to get squished?

What was the effect of Mario's sandwich getting squished?



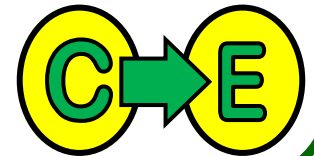
Cause & Effect

Ethan was reading a really good book! He started reading at 9:00 and couldn't make himself stop. By the time he finished the book, it was after midnight. Ethan slept though his alarm the next morning and was late for school.

4

What caused Ethan to stay up past midnight?

What was the effect of Ethan staying up past midnight?

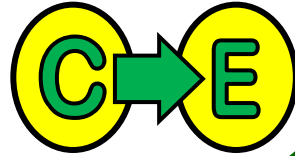


Cause & Effect

5 Noah went to his friend's birthday party. He ate a big piece of cake and two scoops of ice cream. On the way home from the party, Noah's stomach started hurting. When he got home, he skipped dinner and went right to bed.

What caused Noah's stomach to hurt?

What was the effect of Noah's stomach hurting?

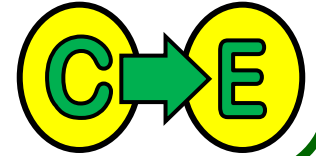


Cause & Effect

6 Little Davy wanted some cereal and milk, but everyone in his family was still asleep. He poured cereal into a bowl and only spilled a little. The milk carton was nearly full. It was really heavy. When Davy tried to pour it, the milk came out too quickly. His bowl overflowed and there was milk and cereal all over the table.

What caused the milk to come out too quickly?

What was the effect of the milk coming out too quickly?

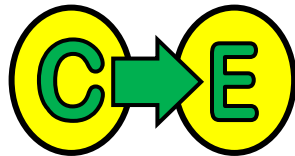


Cause & Effect

7 Amber noticed that the new girl, Callie, was standing all by herself on the playground. Amber grabbed two jump ropes from the playground box and asked Callie if she wanted to jump with her. By the end of recess, Amber had made a new friend!

What caused Amber to ask Callie to jump with her?

What was the effect of Amber asking Callie to jump with her?

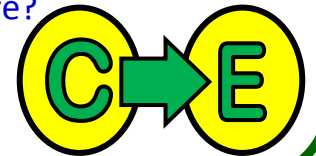


Cause & Effect

8 Jacob was riding his bicycle home from his friend's house. Suddenly, he saw broken glass on the path ahead of him. It was too late to swerve, so he ran over the glass. It wasn't long before Jacob's tire was flat. Luckily, Jacob's Dad had given him a tire repair kit and had shown him how to use it. Jacob fixed the tire and was home before dark.

What caused the Jacob's flat tire?

What was the effect of Jacob's flat tire?



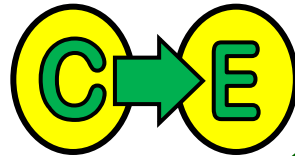
Cause & Effect

Emmy walked into the lobby of her apartment building with two heavy bags of groceries. She saw the "Out of Order" sign on the elevator and groaned. Emmy started up the eight flights of stairs to her apartment. When she got inside, she collapsed on the couch.

9

What caused Emmy to walk up eight flights of stairs?

What was the effect of Emmy walking up eight flights of stairs?



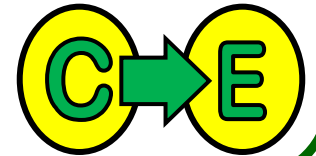
Cause & Effect

It was a hot day. Mom was reading a book on a lawn chair. Jayden and Carmen decided to set up the sprinkler to cool off. Jayden put the sprinkler in the middle of the lawn. Carmen connected the hose and turned the water faucet as far as it would go. Water shot high out of the sprinkler and poured down on mom!

10

What caused the water to shoot so high?

What was the effect of the water shooting high out of the sprinkler?



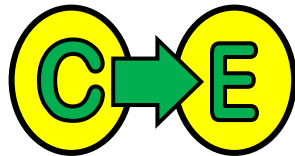
Cause & Effect

James was studying for the big history test. He decided to take a break and play a game on his computer. He got involved in the game and did not notice that it was getting late. James' mom came to tell him that it was bed time. The next day, James did poorly on the test.

11

What caused James to stop studying for the test?

What was the effect of James not studying?



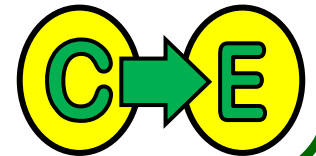
Cause & Effect

It was always Cody's job to make sure that his dog, Rascal was outside in the backyard before he went to school. This morning, Cody forgot to let Rascal out. When Cody came home from school, he found Rascal in the living room chewing on what was left of one of his mother's shoes.

12

What caused Rascal to be inside the house for the day?

What was the effect of Rascal being inside?



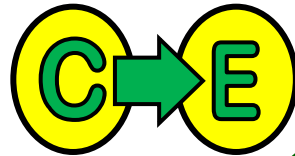
Cause & Effect

Lucy was careful to hold her stick in just the right position. The trick to toasting a perfect marshmallow was to keep it close to the coals, but not let it catch on fire. When her marshmallow was a golden shade of brown, she put it between two Graham crackers with a piece of chocolate and had a yummy treat.

13

What caused Lucy's marshmallow to turn brown?

What was the effect of Lucy's marshmallow turning brown?



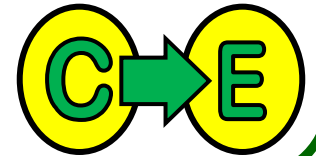
Cause & Effect

Dr. Tuttle usually drives to work, but today yesterday his car was in the repair shop, so he took the bus. A lady sitting near him was eating pretzels. Suddenly, she began to choke. Dr. Tuttle knew just what to do. He was able to stop her from choking and save her life!

14

What caused Dr. Tuttle to take the bus to work?

What was the effect of Dr. Tuttle taking the bus?



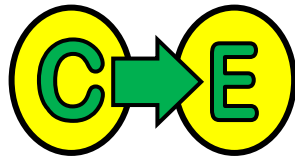
Cause & Effect

Mom put her cell phone on the stack of towels by the pool. Later, Carl got out of the pool and reached for a towel. He did not see the cell phone and it went flying into the water when he grabbed the towel on the top of the stack. He jumped in after it, but the cell phone was ruined.

15

What caused Mom's cell phone to fall into the pool?

What was the effect of Mom's cell phone falling into the pool?



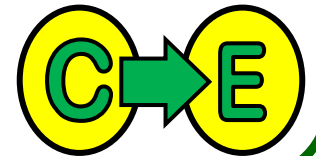
Cause & Effect

Tony made himself a bowl of cereal and milk. He took his first bite, made an awful face, and hurried to the sink to spit it out. Then he took the carton of milk out of the fridge, opened the top and took a sniff. The milk had turned sour!

16

What caused Tony to spit out his cereal and milk?

What was the effect of Tony spitting out his cereal and milk?



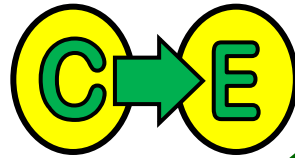
Cause & Effect

Hannah was giving her dog Fluffy a bath. Fluffy hated baths. Hannah had just finished lathering Fluffy up with shampoo when Fluffy jumped out of the tub! She ran all over the house getting water and suds everywhere!

17

What caused Fluffy to jump out of the tub?

What was the effect of Fluffy jumping out of the tub?



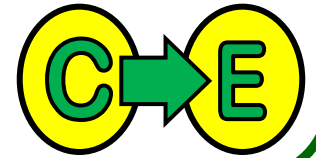
Cause & Effect

Tori was the best player on her soccer team. She always seemed to score at least one goal, and sometimes two or even three! Yesterday, Tori did not come to the game. She was sick in bed with the flu. Her team did not score any goals and lost the game.

18

What caused Tori to miss the game?

What was the effect of Tori missing the game?



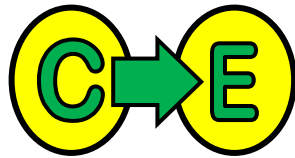
Cause & Effect

Peter and Bobby were playing football in the backyard. Marcia's mom asked her to call them inside to clean their room. Marcia went outside just as Peter threw the football. The football hit Marcia right in the nose! Marcia's nose got very big and swollen.

19

What caused Marcia to get hit by the football?

What was the effect of Marcia getting hit by the football?



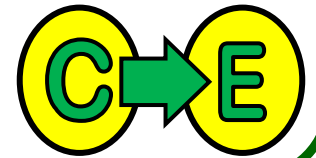
Cause & Effect

Cindy was the youngest child in a big family. One day, Cindy started tattling on her brothers and sisters. They got tired of always getting in trouble and decided to stop playing with her. Cindy was sad and lonely for awhile, but she learned an important lesson about tattling.

20

What caused Cindy's brothers and sisters to stop playing with her?

What was the effect of Cindy's brothers and sisters not playing with her?



Cause & Effect

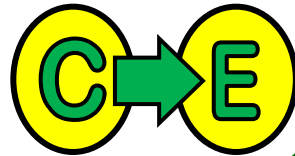
When Jamie woke up, the first thing she did was look out the window. The sun was shining brightly.

21

Yesterday's snow was melting fast. There was no more snow on the trees and the street outside her house was clear too. "No more snow days for you," said mom. "Time to get ready for school."

What caused the snow to melt?

What was the effect of the snow melting?



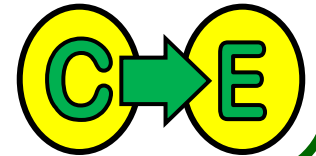
Cause & Effect

Kyle really struggled in math, but he wanted to do well on the upcoming test. He asked his older sister, Wendy, to help him study. Each day after school, Wendy worked with Kyle. By the day of the test, Kyle was doing much better. He took the test and got an A!

22

What caused Wendy to help Kyle with his math?

What was the effect of Wendy helping Kyle?



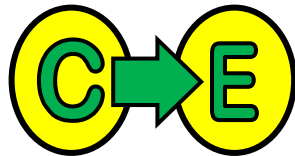
Cause & Effect

It was autumn and all of the trees in the yard were losing their leaves. Dad raked all of the leaves into a giant pile. While he was inside eating lunch, Alex jumped into the pile and scattered the leaves everywhere. When Dad came back outside, he handed the rake to Alex.

23

What caused the leaves to scatter everywhere?

What was the effect of the leaves scattering everywhere?



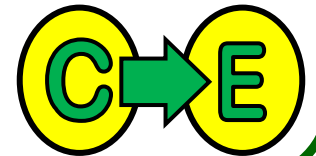
Cause & Effect

Mia's family decided to have a garage sale. Mia collected all of her old games and toys to sell at the sale. A lot of people came to the sale and Mia sold almost everything. She spent the money she made on a set of books she had been wanting to read for a long time.

24

What caused Mia to sell her old games and toys?

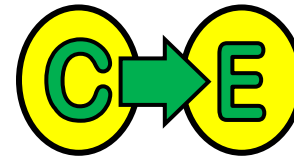
What was the effect of Mia selling her old games and toys?



Cause and Effect Task Cards

Answer Sheet (Cards 1-12)

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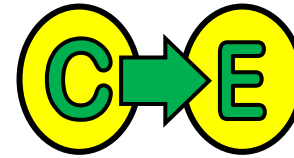
Use this sheet to record your Cause and Effect Answers.

Card #	Cause	Effect
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Cause and Effect Task Cards

Answer Sheet (Cards 13-24)

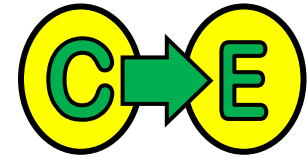
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Use this sheet to record your Cause and Effect Answers.

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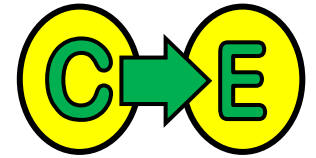
Cause and Effect Task Cards Answer Key (Cards 1-12)



Use this chart to check your work.

ard #	Cause	Effect
1	A boy accidentally bumped into her.	The boy apologized and help Amelia to clean up the papers.
2	Monica spent too long on the phone.	Monica threw the cookies away.
3	He threw put an apple and a juice box on top of it.	He decided to buy hot lunch.
4	He was reading a really good book.	He overslept and was late for school.
5	He ate too much cake and ice cream at the party.	He skipped dinner and went straight to bed.
6	The carton was too heavy for Davy to pour.	The bowl overflowed and there was milk and cereal all over the table.
7	She saw Callie standing by herself.	Amber and Callie became friends.
8	He ran over broken glass.	He had to stop and repair it.
9	The elevator was broken.	She was so tired that she collapsed on the couch.
10	Carmen turned the faucet as far as it would go.	Mom got wet!
11	He decided to play a game on his computer.	He did poorly on the test.
12	Cody forgot to let him out.	He chewed up one of Mom's shoes.

Cause and Effect Task Cards Answer Key (Cards 13-24)



Use this chart to check your work.

Card #	Cause	Effect
13	She held it close to the coals but did not let it catch on fire.	She had a yummy treat.
14	His car was in the repair shop.	He helped a woman who was choking on a pretzel and saved her life.
15	Carl grabbed the towel that the cell phone was on.	It was ruined.
16	It tasted horrible.	He went to the fridge to check the milk carton.
17	She hated baths.	She got water and suds everywhere.
18	She was sick with the flu.	Her team lost the game.
19	She went outside to tell the boys to come inside.	Her nose got big and swollen.
20	She was always tattling on them.	She was sad and lonely, but she learned not to tattle.
21	The sun was shining brightly.	Jamie would have to go to school.
22	Kyle asked her to help him.	Kyle got an A on his math test.
23	Alex jumped in the pile.	Alex has to rake the leaves.
24	Her family was having a garage sale.	She was able to buy a set of books she wanted.

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