Why: What's the Cause?

Read each sentence below. Write what you think might be the cause on the second line.

Example:
Cause: The window was open.
Effect: The cold air rushed into the house.

1. Cause: ____________________________
   Effect: Jane fell down the stairs.

2. Cause: ____________________________
   Effect: The family bought a new car.

3. Cause: ____________________________
   Effect: The cat scratched Mitch.

4. Cause: ____________________________
   Effect: The lights went out.

5. Cause: ____________________________
   Effect: The train arrived late.

6. Cause: ____________________________
   Effect: Josh won the spelling bee.

7. Cause: ____________________________
   Effect: The chair fell over.

8. Cause: ____________________________
   Effect: Clara laughed out loud.
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Answers: Student’s answers will vary. Examples of correct answers:

1. Cause: Jane’s sister left a ball on the stairs.
   Effect: Jane fell down the stairs.

2. Cause: Mr. Johnson had a car wreck.
   Effect: The family bought a new car.

3. Cause: Mitch teased the cat.
   Effect: The cat scratched Mitch.

4. Cause: There was a bad storm last night.
   Effect: The lights went out.

5. Cause: Snow blocked the railroad track.
   Effect: The train arrived late.

6. Cause: Josh studied his spelling words carefully.
   Effect: Josh won the spelling bee.

7. Cause: He jumped up from the table.
   Effect: The chair fell over.

8. Cause: Clara’s sister told a joke.
   Effect: Clara laughed out loud.