

Name: _____

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: _____

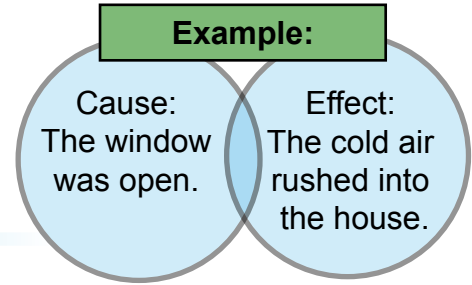
Effect: The chair fell over.

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.