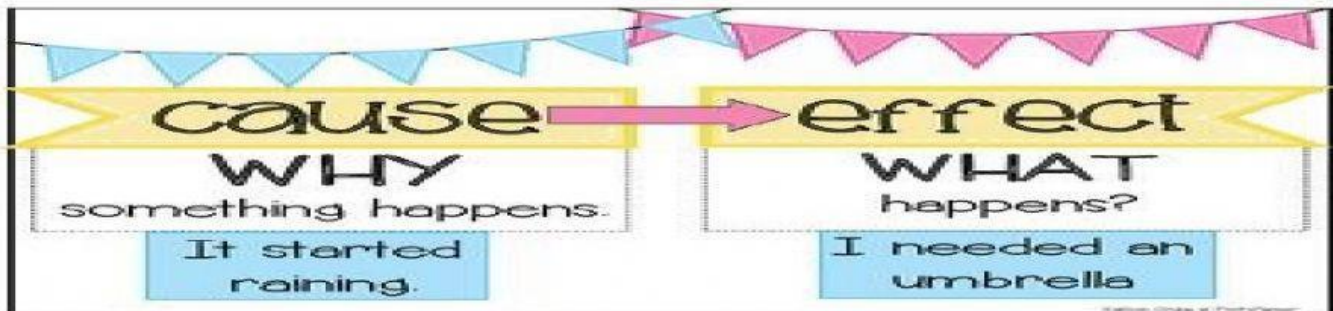


# Target Skill

## Cause and Effect

The cause is why something happens in the story.

The effect is what happens in the story as a result of the cause. Remember that what happens first is the cause and what happens next is the effect.



## Exercise (A)

Read the following passage. Choose each sentence that tells why something happened.

Sara's mother told her that dinner was almost ready. Sara was very hungry and decided to eat some sweets before dinner. When dinner was ready, Sara was feeling very sick.

### 1. Why didn't Sara eat dinner?

- a. She didn't like what her mother had cooked.
- b. She ordered a pizza instead.
- c) She felt sick after eating sweets.



2. Sara's mother told her that \_\_\_\_\_ was almost ready.

- a) lunch
- b) dinner
- c) breakfast

## Exercise (B)

Read the following passages. Choose each sentence that tells why something happened.

Ben went out for a quick ride. Since he wasn't going too far, he decided not to check his tires. As he was getting close to home, his front tire went flat. He checked to see if he ran over a nail, but he didn't see any damage.

1. Why did Ben decide not to check his tires?

- a. Because he wasn't going too far.
- b. Because he checked it before.
- c. Because there was no need for that.

2. Why did the tire go flat?

- a. Because Ben didn't check it.
- b. Because ben ran over a nail.
- c. Ben didn't know the reason.





## Exercise (C)

- Read the passage below. Then answer the questions.

Benny the cat was sleeping soundly at home.

Suddenly, a little mouse squeaked by him. Even though he was tired, Benny the cat opened his eyes.

### 1. Why did Benny the cat wake up?

- a) He was late for an appointment.
- b) A mouse squeaked by.
- c) He was hungry.



### 2. Benny the cat was sleeping \_\_\_\_\_

- a) badly
- b) soundly

## Exercise (D)

- Read the passage below. Then answer the questions.

### *Stop and Go*

The light turned red. Mum stopped the car. The light turned green. "Go, Mum, go," said Ana. The crossing guard put up a stop sign. Mum stopped the car. "It is good to stop now," said Ana. "I am at school."



1) Why did Mum stop the car?

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2) Why did Ana tell her mum "go, Mum, go"?

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3) Why did Mum stop the car again?

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A. Put (✓) or (×).

1. The main characters are Mum and Ana. (            )

2. They are at home. (            )

3. When the traffic light is red,  
it means stop. (            )