

Cause and effect are about how one thing can cause something else to happen.

The **cause** is *why* something happened.

The **effect** is *what* happened.

Here are some examples of **cause and effect**.
Circle the most likely **cause** of each thing that happened.

| effect | cause |
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| 1. Why does Leo take off his sweatshirt? | Leo feels warm. |
| | Leo is hungry. |

| effect | cause |
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| 2. Why does Dominic wash his shirt? | Dominic is looking at a picture book. |
| | Dominic's hands are dirty. |

| effect | cause |
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| 3. Why does Claire get a glass of water? | Claire is taking a nap. |
| | Claire is thirsty. |

| effect | cause |
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| 4 Why does Jordan turn on the light? | The room is cold. |
| | The room is dark. |

| effect | cause |
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| 5. Why does Patrice put on her mittens? | It is cold outside. |
| | It is raining outside. |

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6. Here is an effect: Ruby put on her pajamas.  
What might have been the **cause**?