

Cause-Effect, Two Ways Answer Key

Sample Explanations

1. "By" shows the cause (the baseball caused the crack); "with" shows the tool or means used.
2. "By" shows what caused the injury (the fall); "with" shows what object caused it (the stick).
3. "By" shows who did the decorating; "with" shows what was used to decorate.
4. "By" shows what event caused the damage (the storm); "with" shows what substance caused it (salt water).
5. "By" identifies the person who wrote it; "with" identifies what tool was used.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** This worksheet teaches how **by** expresses *the cause or doer of an action* while **with** expresses *the means or tool used to perform the action*.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For visual learners, draw arrows to show cause and label objects as tools to help clarify meaning.
 - For advanced learners, have them create two new examples where switching the prepositions changes the sentence's logic.
- **Engagement Idea:** Play a "Preposition Detective" game where students act out examples and classmates decide if the sentence uses **by** or **with** correctly.
- **Extension:** Ask students to rewrite a short paragraph, changing **by** to **with** in strategic places to see how the meaning shifts subtly or completely.