

Name _____

Cause & Effect Notes Answer Key

1. Cause: The puppy chewed on the new shoes.
Effect: The laces are torn.
2. Cause: A strong wind knocked over the trash can.
Effect: Garbage spilled onto the sidewalk.
3. Cause: Carlos studied for hours and reviewed his notes carefully.
Effect: He scored the highest grade on the test.
4. Cause: The computer froze during the presentation.
Effect: The teacher restarted it.
5. Cause: Heavy rain washed away the dirt on the hill.
Effect: Rocks rolled down onto the road.

Write Your Own

Answers will vary. Example:

Cause: I forgot to water the plants.

Effect: The leaves turned brown.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Encourages students to clearly state both parts of a cause-and-effect relationship in writing, reinforcing comprehension and writing skills.
- **Support:** For emerging readers, use shorter, one-clause sentences.
- **Extension:** Ask students to identify *multiple effects* for one cause or *multiple causes* for one effect.
- **Discussion Prompt:** *"How does identifying both the cause and effect help you better understand the passage?"*