

Park Flood Analysis Answer Key

1. The park closed because **heavy rains soaked the ground and caused the river to spill over its banks.**
2. Two effects were **playground equipment was damaged and walking trails were covered in mud and debris.**
3. City workers put up fences and signs **to keep visitors safe.**
4. The park looked fresh and clean because **the workers repaired equipment, cleared trails, and planted new grass.**
5. When the park reopened, **families rushed back, grateful to enjoy the space.**
6. Acceptable answers may include: **wildlife losing habitat, picnic areas being muddy, or roads near the park being closed.**

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Students practice tracking multiple causes and effects within one passage.
- **Support:** Provide a graphic organizer (two columns labeled "Cause" and "Effect") for struggling readers.
- **Extension:** Challenge advanced students to write a *chain of effects* from one cause.
- **Discussion Prompt:** *"How do authors use cause-and-effect to explain real events, like weather or community changes?"*