Effect Predictions Answer Key

Sample Logical Predictions (answers will vary)

1. Cause: The project fell and shattered.
   Effect: The student had to start over, clean up the mess, or lost points on the project.

2. Cause: The power went out.
   Effect: Lights went dark, classes were canceled, or students worked by daylight.

3. Cause: Jake left his umbrella at home.
   Effect: He got wet on the way to school or borrowed one from a friend.

4. Cause: The cafeteria ran out of pizza.
   Effect: Students had to choose another meal or some were disappointed.

5. Cause: A new amusement park opened.
   Effect: Families lined up to visit, traffic increased, or local businesses became busier.

Paragraph Prediction

Cause: Strong winds blocked the road with branches.

Effect: Buses might be delayed, students might arrive late, or road crews would need to clear the debris.

Write Your Own: Answers will vary.

Example: Cause: The alarm clock didn't ring.

Effect: I overslept and missed the bus.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Encourages students to connect cause-and-effect and practice logical inference.
- **Support:** Provide word banks of common effects for beginners.
- **Extension:** Ask advanced students to give *two different possible effects* for the same cause.
- **Discussion Prompt:** *"Why might one cause lead to several possible effects? How do predictions help us when reading a story?"*

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