Cause-Effect Makeover Answer Key

- Paragraph 1: The alarm clock didn't go off, so Maria was late for the bus,
 and as a result, her teacher asked why she wasn't on time.
- Paragraph 2: It rained all weekend, so the soccer field was covered in mud, and the game was canceled.
- Paragraph 3: Liam forgot to water his plants, therefore the flowers were drooping, and his mom reminded him about responsibility.

Extended Practice (Model Answer)

Answers will vary. Example:

- Cause: The power went out.
- Effects: The refrigerator stopped working and the house became dark.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- Focus Skill: Helps students practice revising writing to make *cause-and-effect* connections explicit.
- Support: Provide a list of signal words for struggling writers to insert.
- Extension: Challenge advanced students to rewrite each paragraph in *two* different ways using varied signal words.
- **Discussion Prompt**: "Why does adding cause-and-effect signal words make writing clearer for readers?"

