

Reason & Result Stories Answer Key

Sample Student Responses (answers will vary)

1. *A big storm hit our town **because** dark clouds rolled in and the wind grew stronger. **As a result**, the power went out, and people used candles at night. The school was closed **so** students stayed home. Stores ran out of bread and water **because** so many people rushed to buy supplies. The storm caused a lot of damage, but the community worked together to clean up afterward.*
2. *I made a mistake on my math homework **because** I didn't read the directions carefully. **As a result**, I got a lower grade than usual. My teacher explained how to fix the problems, and I learned a better way to check my work. The mistake helped me improve my focus.*

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Students practice generating their own cause-and-effect relationships in extended writing.
- **Support:** Offer sentence frames (e.g., "*I was late because...*" / "*As a result...*") for emerging writers.
- **Extension:** Ask advanced students to create *chains of cause and effect* that span 3-4 events in sequence.
- **Discussion Prompt:** "*How do authors use cause-and-effect in stories to keep readers interested?*"