

Trace The Outcome Answer Key

- **Sentence 1:**
Cause → snowstorm lasted all night
Effects → *the school buses could not drive on the icy roads, the teachers stayed home, the students enjoyed a surprise snow day*
- **Sentence 2:**
Cause → bakery had a power outage
Effects → *the ovens stopped working, the bread did not rise, customers had to wait until the afternoon to buy fresh rolls*
- **Sentence 3:**
Cause → Lena forgot to water her plants
Effects → *the leaves turned brown, the flowers wilted, her room looked less cheerful*

Sample Student Response (will vary)

Cause → It rained heavily all weekend.

Effects → *The soccer game was canceled, the park became muddy, and kids stayed inside to play board games.*

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Students practice recognizing multiple effects from one stated cause.
- **Differentiation:** For younger or struggling readers, shorten passages or reduce effects to one or two. For advanced readers, challenge them to add *chains of effects* (one effect leading to another).
- **Discussion Prompt:** Ask: "Why might an author include many effects from one cause in a passage? How does this help readers understand the situation better?"