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Reason Tracers

Directions: Read each passage carefully. An *effect* is given at the end of each passage. Underline (or highlight) all the *causes* in the passage that lead to that effect.

1. The wind howled through the trees, and heavy rain fell for hours. The riverbanks overflowed, and nearby drains clogged with leaves. **Effect: The neighborhood streets were flooded.**
2. Jamie stayed up late watching a movie. He forgot to set his alarm, and his phone battery died overnight. **Effect: Jamie was late to school.**
3. The café ran out of milk, and the delivery truck was delayed. At the same time, many customers ordered lattes that morning. **Effect: Several customers had to wait a long time for their drinks.**

Write Your Own: Write one short passage of 3-4 sentences that ends with a clear *effect*. Make sure there are at least two *causes* in your passage. Underline the causes in your writing.
