

Because And Result

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Look for **cause-and-effect relationships**: what happens (the effect) and why it happens (the cause). Fill in the chart to match each cause with its effect. Answer the reflection questions to show your deeper understanding.

In the summer of 2023, a record-breaking heatwave spread across the country. As temperatures rose to dangerous levels, many cities saw an increase in power outages because air conditioners were running nonstop. Hospitals reported a rise in heat-related illnesses, especially among the elderly. In response, local governments opened cooling centers to give residents safe places to escape the heat.

Cause	Effect
1.	A. Power outages increased
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3.	C. Cooling centers were opened

Reflection Questions

- 1. Which cause had the biggest impact on the chain of events? Explain why.
- 2. Do all effects have only one cause? Give an example from the passage.
- 3. Write one additional possible effect of the heatwave that was *not* mentioned in the passage.

