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## Cause & Waves Answer Key

### Cause and Effect Chart (Possible Answers):

Cause	Effect
People drop plastic bottles or bags on the beach.	Wind or waves carry them into the water.
Sea turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish.	They eat them and get very sick.
Fish get caught in soda can rings.	They have trouble swimming.
Seabirds pick up shiny trash.	They bring it back to their nests, thinking it is food.

### Reflection Question (Sample Answer):

It is important because littering harms ocean animals, damages their homes, and makes the ocean unsafe.

### Teacher Guide/Notes:

- This worksheet helps Grade 4 students practice identifying **cause-and-effect relationships** in informational text.
- Encourage students to underline clue words like *because*, *makes*, *leads to*, or *as a result*.
- Extension idea: Ask students to brainstorm actions humans can take to **prevent these effects**, and create a second chart called *Solutions and Results*.