

Cause & Continuity Answer Key

Sample Answers (answers may vary)

1. **Effect:** She was exhausted when she got home.
Cause: She **had been working** at the office all day.
2. **Effect:** The ground was muddy after the soccer match.
Cause: The players **had been running** in the rain.
3. **Effect:** He failed the test.
Cause: He **had not been studying** enough.
4. **Effect:** The kids were very hungry at lunchtime.
Cause: They **had been playing** outside all morning.
5. **Effect:** We missed the train.
Cause: We **had been walking** too slowly to the station.

Create Your Own: Examples (student answers will vary)

- **Effect:** She was sunburned.
Cause: She **had been lying** on the beach without sunscreen.
- **Effect:** The teacher was angry.
Cause: The students **had been talking** during the lesson.

Teacher Notes

- **Focus point:** Students should see how the **past perfect continuous** naturally explains **causes** of past events.
- Stress that it shows an **ongoing action leading up to a later effect**.
- Encourage students to use **time clues** (*for hours, all morning, before the game, since yesterday*) to strengthen their sentences.
- For differentiation:
 - Stronger students can create their own cause-and-effect chains.
 - Struggling students can be given word banks (*had been running, had been studying, had been waiting*).