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Cause or Sequence

Cause/Effect shows *why* something happens and *what* happens because of it. (Clue words: because, since, as a result, therefore)

Time Sequence shows the *order* of events. (Clue words: first, then, next, later, finally)

Good readers can tell the difference to understand a passage more clearly.

Directions: Below are five clues from the passage. Decide whether each is **Cause/Effect** or **Time Sequence**. Write your answer in the blank.

The Rainy Day

It rained all morning, so the soccer game was canceled. First, Mia read a book in her room. Then, she helped her mom bake cookies. Because the power went out, they used candles in the kitchen. Finally, the rain stopped, and a rainbow appeared in the sky.

1. "It rained all morning, so the soccer game was canceled." → _____
2. "First, Mia read a book in her room." → _____
3. "Then, she helped her mom bake cookies." → _____
4. "Because the power went out, they used candles in the kitchen." → _____
5. "Finally, the rain stopped, and a rainbow appeared." → _____

Extra Challenge: Write two of your own sentences.

One showing cause/effect:	
One showing time sequence:	