

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## What Caused That?

Dear Parent,

We are learning how **cause** and **effect** change the plot of a story. I hope you enjoy this activity with me. This assignment is due \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Cause** and **effect** is the relationship between two things or events where one causes the other to happen.
- **Cause** is **why** something happens in a story.
- **Effect** is **the result** of the prior action.
- Example:

I reached under my desk to pick up my pencil. (**CAUSE**)  
Then, I lost my balance and fell out of my chair (**EFFECT**)

### LET'S DO THIS

1. Work with a family partner. Who is working with you? \_\_\_\_\_

Read the story below to your family partner.

Discuss what happens in the story and what results from actions that are taken. .

### What Caused the Crash in the Kitchen?

One day my mom was making dinner in the kitchen. Suddenly, I heard a loud crash and the sound of dishes breaking. I ran to see what happened. My mom was sweeping up the mess.

I asked, "What happened?" She said, "I was standing on the step stool to get dishes from the top shelf of the cabinet. As I reached up, the cat ran by and surprised me. Then, my foot slipped and I dropped the dishes."

My mom told me to put on shoes so that I wouldn't step on the broken dishes and cut my foot. I put on my shoes and helped her finish cleaning up the broken dishes. What a crazy evening!

## LET'S FIND OUT

1. Discuss the story with your Family Partner. Find 3 **cause** and **effect** relationships.

You can use key words to report cause and effect relationships in a story.

For a **cause**, use words such as **because** or **since**.

For an **effect**, use words like **then**, **as a result**, or **therefore**.

2. Complete the chart below to show what you found. The first one is done for you.



### What Caused the Crash in the Kitchen?



Cause	Effect
<b>Because</b> dishes were on a high shelf	<b>as a result</b> , mom had to stand on a step stool
<b>Because</b>	<b>then</b> ,
<b>Because</b>	<b>therefore</b> ,

Now, with your family partner, share events that happened to you today.

Together, listen for 2 cause and effect relationships. List them in the chart below.

### Something That Happened Today

Cause	Effect
<b>Because</b>	<b>as a result</b> ,
<b>Because</b>	<b>then</b> ,

## HOME-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Dear Parent,

Please give your reactions to your child's work on this activity.

Write YES or NO for each statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. My child understood the homework and was able to complete it.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. My child and I enjoyed the activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. This assignment helped me know what my child is learning in class.

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_