

Cause & Effect
Reading Comprehension:
Home Sick



Name _____

Date _____

Directions: Read the passage, then complete the prompts that follow.



At school last week, I sat next to a friend who was sniffing. Since it's cold outside, a lot of people have the sniffles. We use tissues and hand sanitizer to help us avoid spreading germs. However, the moment I got home, I knew those germs had gotten to me. I was tired and just wanted to rest.

Since I was showing signs of having a cold, my dad declared that I would be staying home from school until I got better. I was disappointed because I had a science test the next day, and I didn't want to miss it. I went to bed early that night, which was fine with me. This sickness made me feel extra sleepy.

I stayed home from school the next day. Since I couldn't stay home alone, my dad stayed with me. He took me to the doctor. The doctor directed me to get a lot of rest, drink fluids, and take some medicine.



While I napped, my dad worked from home. I slept for most of the day because my body was tired. When I woke up, I tried to study for my science test. I knew my teacher would want me to take the test as soon as I returned to school. However, my eyes felt drowsy and I decided to take another nap.

After a few days home from school, I finally felt better and my parents let me return to my classroom. My friends smiled as they saw me walk in the door. My teacher asked how I was feeling. I told them I was feeling much better, and that I was glad to be back!

During science class, my teacher, Mrs. Jenkins, gave me the science test I had missed earlier in the week. She sent me into another classroom to complete it while my class went over the answers together. I knew I was going to have a lot of makeup work from being absent for a few days, but at least I had energy to complete it!

Identify three cause and effect relationships in the text. Record them in the chart below.

CAUSE	EFFECT
1. Friend sniffing in class	Narrator got sick
2. Narrator stayed home from school	Narrator missed the science test
3. Narrator felt sleepy	Narrator rested

What decision did the narrator have to make when studying for the science test while home from school?

The narrator had to decide between studying for the science test and getting rest so they could be healthy again.