

**Answer Key Cause and Effect: The Industrial Revolution**

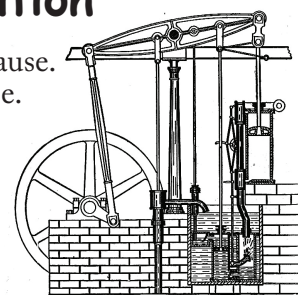
A **cause** is something that makes something else happen. It is the reason for the effect.



An **effect** is the result of the cause. It happens because of the cause.

It answers the question, "Why did this happen?"

It answers the question, "What happened?"



**Directions:** Read the passage below.

The Industrial Revolution is the name for the time when engines, machines, and factories were first developed. It began in the late 1700s and continued into the late 1800s. The Industrial Revolution changed the world. It affected every part of people's lives. It changed where people lived, worked, and traveled. It also changed how they lived, worked, and traveled.

**Steam Engine**

The development of a reliable steam engine in the late 1700s started the Industrial Revolution. Before its invention, machines were powered mostly by wind, water, horses, or humans. These machines were slow and could not run all the time. The steam engine could run long hours without getting tired. It also could be placed anywhere, not just where there was a river or strong wind.

**Machines**

Since the steam engine supplied large amounts of reliable energy, machines could be bigger, faster, and produce more products.

**Factories**

Large machines needed a place to operate. Businesses built factories for the machines. With many machines in one place, the companies could make more items.

**Workers**

Before the Industrial Revolution, most people worked on farms. Once the factories were built, workers were needed to operate the machines. This created jobs for men, women, and children. While this was an opportunity to make money, the hours were long and the working conditions were difficult.

**Cities**

As people moved from the farm to work in the factories, cities grew larger and larger. Some cities were created just for factories and their workers, such as Lowell, Massachusetts.

**Possible answers**

**Directions:** Complete the chart with details from the text that show cause and effect relationships.

Cause (Why?)	→	Effect (What happened?)
A reliable steam engine was developed.		The Industrial Revolution began.
The steam engine supplied a lot of reliable energy.		It was possible for machines to be bigger, faster, and produce more products.
Machines needed a place to operate.		Factories were built.
Many machines were in the same place in the factories.		Companies were able to make more products at the same time.
The machines needed to be operated by people.		Workers left the farms to work inside the factories.
The machines needed to be operated by people.		There were new job opportunities for men, women, and children.