

Cause and Effect Answer Key

As you read the story below, think about cause and effect.

Then fill out the T-chart with the examples of cause and effect you identified in the story.

Today was the day of my big dance performance! I had been practicing for weeks and I had the whole dance memorized. When I got to the performance hall, I put on my new shoes and hat. I checked my reflection in the mirror. "I look good!" I thought with a grin. It was almost my turn to perform, so I peeked out from behind the curtain. There were so many people in the audience! I began to feel a little nervous. But then I saw my parents smiling in the front row. "I can do this!" I thought to myself. When the curtain opened and the music started, I felt my confidence grow as I remembered all the steps I had practiced.

First, I heard the beat get fast, so I did a quick spin and tipped my hat.

When the beat slowed down, I did a shuffle and twist. I was almost finished dancing, when suddenly, I saw that there was a loose board

at the front of the stage. But it was too late, I tripped over it and almost fell off stage! I caught myself just in time and jumped backward, pretending like it was just part of my dance. The music ended and I bowed. Everyone in the audience jumped to their feet and clapped. My parents were cheering loudest of all. I was so happy that I did a little jig and smiled before walking off stage. After the performance was over, my coach gave me a pat on the back and said, "Nice job, Marcus!" My parents were so proud of me, they took me to get ice cream!



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Example: I had been practicing for weeks.	I had the whole dance memorized.
There were so many people in the audience.	I began to feel nervous.
I saw my parents in the audience.	I thought to myself, "I can do this!"
I remembered all the steps I had practiced.	I felt my confidence grow.
There was a loose floorboard.	I tripped over it and almost fell off the stage.
My parents were so proud.	They took me to get ice cream.