

# 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. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

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

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