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Clue Words for Cause and Effect

CAUSE

the reason why something happened

EFFECT

what happened because of something else

Clue Words to show cause and effect relationships

since

because

so

as a result

if... then

Examples: Rosa ran 20 miles yesterday so she was sore today.
(cause) (effect)

Since David has a cold, he did not go to school.
(cause) (effect)

Directions: Match the cause and effect in the two columns below to make a complete sentence. Circle the clue words that help you see a cause-and-effect relationship.

Because most owls sleep during the day

so I went to help him.

I saw the boy crying

then you will do well in this class.

As a result of the strong storm

they often hunt at night.

If you study hard and ask questions

the whole town was flooded.

Since Dante practiced volleyball daily

he was an excellent player.

Directions: Choose one of the complete sentences above to draw a picture showing the connected events.

CAUSE	EFFECT

Your turn! Write your own cause-and-effect sentences using the sentence frames provided.

1. If _____ (cause), then _____
_____ (effect).

2. Since _____ (cause), _____
_____ (effect).