

Cause and Effect

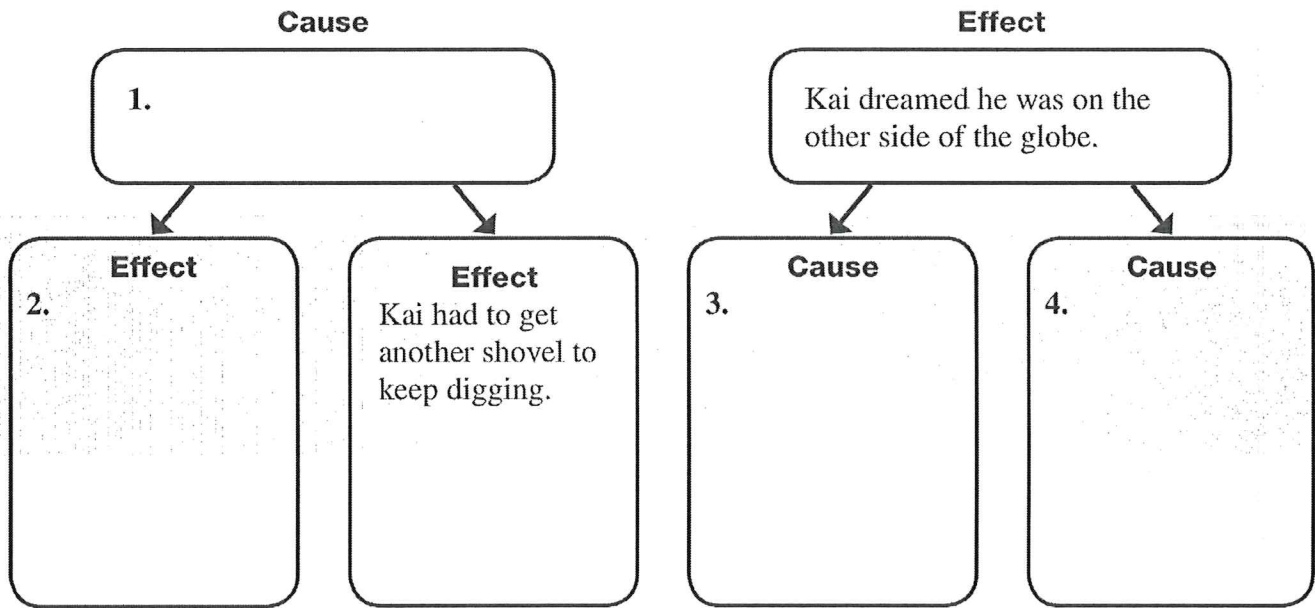
- A **cause** (what makes something happen) may have several effects. An **effect** (what happens as a result of a cause) may have several causes.
- Sometimes clue words such as *since*, *as a result*, *caused*, *thus*, *therefore*, and *consequently* are used to show cause-and-effect relationships.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram below.

Kai was determined to dig straight through to the other side of the Earth. He had the tools: his mom’s garden shovel and his dad’s metal rake. When he started digging, things went smoothly. As he dug deeper, the digging got harder. As Kai pounded away at the clay below the topsoil, the tip of his shovel began to flatten. He knew he’d need a sharp tip on his shovel to dig deep into the mantle of

the Earth, so he went back to the garage and got another shovel. The harder he dug, the sweatier he became. Pretty soon, Kai was exhausted. He sat down in the shade of a nearby tree and quickly fell asleep.

He dreamed he had dug through Earth’s mantle, through the boiling hot core, and was making his way out on the other side of the globe. Dream-digging was so much easier.



5. Summarize the passage in one or two sentences.

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Home Activity Your child read a short passage and identified causes and effects. Read a favorite story together and discuss the causes and effects you find.