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## Cause and Effect

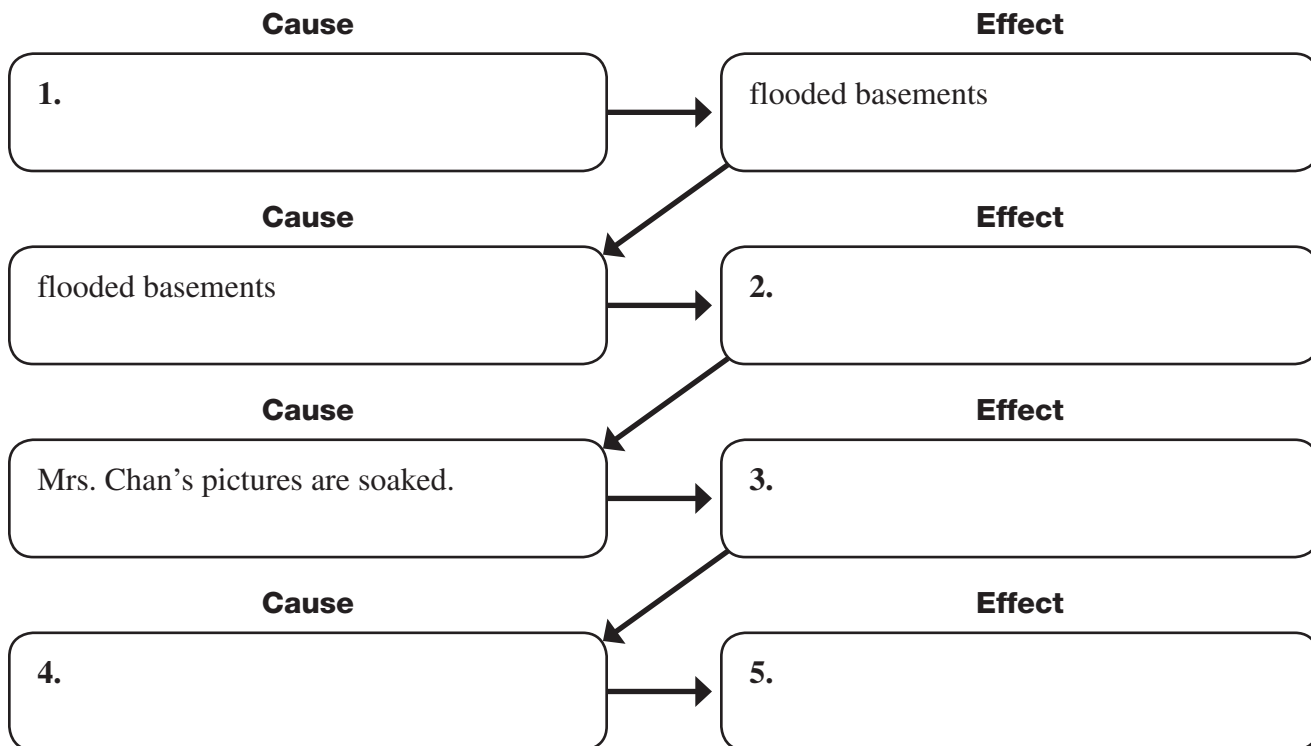
- A **cause** is what makes something happen. An **effect** is what happens as a result of the cause.
- If there are no clue words, ask yourself, “What made this event happen? What happened as a result of this event?”
- An effect may become the cause of another effect.

**Directions** Read the following passage and complete the diagram below.

**B**y the third day of non-stop rain, no one on our street could keep the water out of their homes. The homes that had basements were hit hardest. Basements were flooded in spite of efforts to pump the water out. Toys, washing machines, and furniture in basements were soaked through completely.

Our neighbor, Mrs. Chan, was so

sad because all her photographs of her grandchildren had been in her basement. Her granddaughter May was my best friend, and I had May’s school picture in my wallet. I wrapped it in a plastic bag, put on my raincoat, and ran to Mrs. Chan’s house. Just as I handed Mrs. Chan May’s picture, a ray of sun peeked out from behind a cloud.



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**Home Activity** Your child identified causes and effects in a short passage. While working around the house, have your child explain to you the effects of one of the chores. Then ask your child to figure out if the effect becomes the cause of another effect.