Cause and Effect Worksheet for Grades 2 to 4

Each sentence below offers a cause. First, write a possible effect from the cause. Then, write a complete sentence that shows the cause and effect.

Example Sentence

Cause: The parking lot flooded.
Effect: Mary’s shoes got wet.
Sentence: The parking lot flooded, so Mary’s shoes got wet.

1. Cause: Janet ate all the cookies.

Effect: ........................................................................................................
Sentence: ........................................................................................................

2. Cause: She wanted a new purse.

Effect: ........................................................................................................
Sentence: ........................................................................................................


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4. Cause: She was talking on her phone.

Effect: ........................................................................................................
Sentence: ........................................................................................................

5. Cause: Madeline forgot her study guide.

Effect: ........................................................................................................
Sentence: ........................................................................................................
Answer Key

These are sample sentences you can share if your students are struggling, but their sentences may vary from these.

1. **Cause:** Janet ate all the cookies.
   **Effect:** There were no cookies left for Bill.
   **Sentence:** Janet ate all the cookies, so there were no cookies left for Bill.

2. **Cause:** She wanted a new purse.
   **Effect:** Lauren saved her allowance for three weeks.
   **Sentence:** She wanted a new purse, so Lauren saved her allowance for three weeks.

3. **Cause:** I planted vegetables.
   **Effect:** Deer got into the garden.
   **Sentence:** I planted vegetables, and the deer got into the garden.

4. **Cause:** She was talking on her phone.
   **Effect:** She had a car wreck.
   **Sentence:** She was talking on her phone, which caused a cause wreck.

5. **Cause:** Madeline forgot her study guide.
   **Effect:** She failed her history exam.
   **Sentence:** She failed her history exam because Madeline forgot her study guide.