cause and Execution

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A cause is what makes something happens. To find the cause, you need to ask yourself, "What happened first?".

An effect is what happens because of something else (the cause). To find the effect, you need to ask yourself, "What happened second?".

The boy was grounded because he wasn't on green at school.

What happened first? The boy wasn't on green at school. (This is the cause)



What happened second? The boy was grounded. (This is the effect)

There are signal words that will help you to identify the two parts of a cause/effect relationship. The most common signal words are: because, if, when, so, then.



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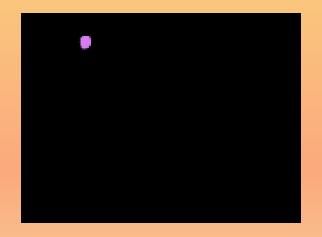
In the sentence above, the word because signals a cause-effect relationship.

Now, let's try to identify some cause-effect relationships. In the following sentences, click on either the cause or the effect. Remember, the cause is the first part of a cause-effect relationship and the effect is the second part.

Click the cause in the following sentence.

It got dark because the sun went down.







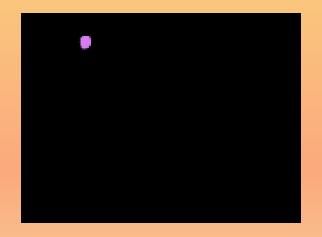




Click on the cause in the sentence below.



My sister was scared of the mouse, so she yelled for help.





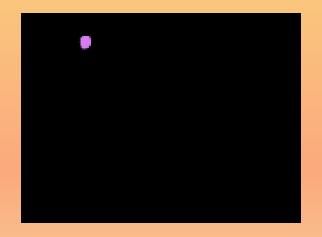




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The dog dug a hole so he could bury his bone.





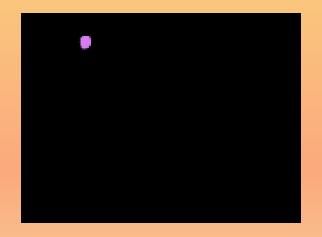




Click the cause in the sentence below.



Mark was tired, so he fell asleep in class.





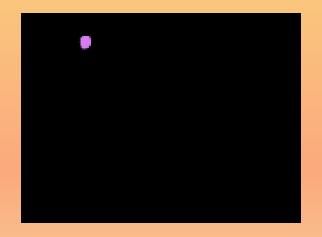




Click the cause in the sentence below.



If you study hard, you will pass the test.





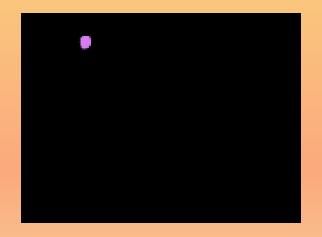




Click the effect in the sentence below.



When the light said, "Walk," the man crossed the street.







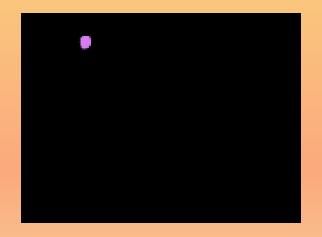


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The boy was surprised when the rocker began to move.





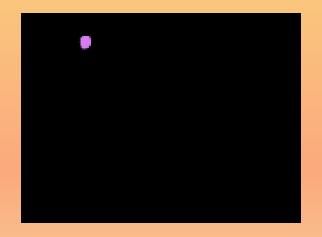




Click the effect in the sentence below.



My mom was hot, so she turned on the fan.





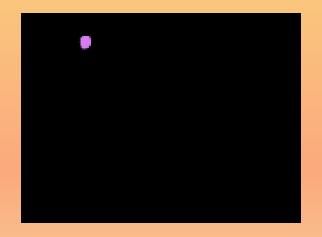




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The player was angry so he jumped on the referee.





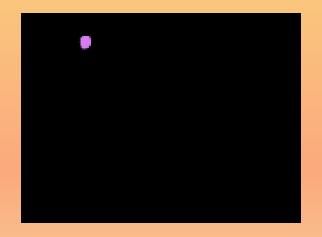




Click the effect in the sentence below.



When the wolf left, the pig popped his head out of the can.











Congratulations!!!!!!! You are now a Cause/Effect Expert!!!!!

