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# What Happened, and Why?

**CAUSE:** Sarah had a good report card.

**EFFECT:** Sarah's mom baked Sarah her favorite cake.

The key to figuring out causes and effects is to ask two questions: "Why did that happen?" (to find a cause), and "What happened?" (to find an effect). Use these questions to find the cause-and-effect pairs from the article "Bursting With Color," about teen artist Jeff Hanson.

**Directions:** Read "Bursting With Color." Then, fill in what's missing from each cause-and-effect pair.

1. **CAUSE:** Jeff Hanson sold his notecards and baked goods from his driveway.

**EFFECT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. **CAUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**EFFECT:** Jeff created art for the Elton John AIDS Foundation's HIV/AIDS homes in South Africa.

3. **CAUSE:** Jeff Hanson received 28 radiation treatments.

**EFFECT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. **CAUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EFFECT:** Jeff makes large paintings that focus more on color than definite shapes.

**YOUR TURN:** Find one cause-and-effect pair from the article "Bursting With Color" and write it below. Then create one cause-and-effect pair of your own.

1. **"Bursting With Color"**

**CAUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**EFFECT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Your Own**

**CAUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**EFFECT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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