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# Understanding Relationships

In the article "Is TV a Downer?" a study finds that unhappy people watch more TV. Does this mean that watching TV causes people to be unhappy? Not necessarily. Maybe people who are unhappy for other reasons simply tend to watch more TV. One doesn't necessarily *cause* the other. A true example of cause and effect would be: When it rains heavily, my basement floods. The flooded basement is *caused* by the heavy rain.

**Directions:** Read each cause-and-effect relationship below. Then, decide if the cause-and-effect relationship is true or false. Circle the correct answer, then explain your reasoning on the lines provided.

1. A study shows that happy people walk outside more than unhappy people. Therefore, it can be assumed that walking outside makes people happy. **TRUE/FALSE**

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2. The students in Mrs. Pace's class always forgot to do their homework, so Mrs. Pace decided to give detention to anyone who didn't complete assignments. By the end of the semester, no one was receiving detention. Therefore, Mrs. Pace's solution was a success. **TRUE/FALSE**

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3. Every night, Greg does a dance in his front yard. He says that his dance keeps the tigers away. Because he's never seen a tiger in his neighborhood, it can be assumed that his dance works. **TRUE/FALSE**

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4. Tess saw cockroaches in her kitchen, so she had her house exterminated. After a month, the roaches were gone. Therefore, it can be assumed that Tess's plan worked. **TRUE/FALSE**

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# Are You a Catherine, a Heathcliff, or an Edgar?

**Directions:** If you were a character in *Wuthering Heights*, who would you be? Take the quiz below to find out! Then, write a paragraph on a separate sheet of paper explaining whether or not you agree with the results.

- There's a new student at your school, and you want to be her friend. What do you do?
  - You ask her to eat lunch with you.
  - When you see she likes sushi, you tell her that sushi is your favorite food.
  - You watch her from afar and hope she notices you.
- Your cell phone is missing. You are pretty sure you know who has it. What do you do?
  - You ask the person to give it back.
  - You take that person's books to get even.
  - You do nothing because you aren't 100 percent sure the person has it.
- If you had to take part in a school debate, you would \_\_\_\_\_.
  - argue your point of view with gusto
  - argue your point of view but have a hard time keeping your cool
  - be really nervous
- If your teacher calls on you, and you don't know the answer, you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - say whatever comes to mind
  - make a joke
  - say you don't know and mumble to yourself
- When you find out you didn't make the basketball team, you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - are devastated and think there must be a mistake
  - vow to practice every day so you will make the team next year
  - tell everyone you just tried out for the fun of it because you knew you wouldn't make it

**If you answered "a" three or more times, you are a Catherine.**

You are strong-willed and passionate. You know what you want, but you don't always know the best way to get it. You are always up for an adventure!

**If you answered "b" three or more times, you are a Heathcliff.**

You are brooding and mysterious, and you don't like to be teased. Rather than telling someone how you feel, you try to win the person over by your behavior. If someone wrongs you, you try to heal your hurt feelings by getting even. It's OK to talk about your feelings!

**If you answered "c" three or more times, you are an Edgar.**

You are gentle, shy, and very loyal. Even though you sometimes make mistakes, you try to do the right thing. Unfortunately, people sometimes take advantage of you. Don't be afraid to stand up for yourself!

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# Heathcliff's Dilemmas

In the play *Wuthering Heights*, Heathcliff faces several challenges, from being expelled from the house to losing his true love, Catherine. Understanding how Heathcliff deals with his problems will help you get a better idea of who he is.

**Directions:** As you read *Wuthering Heights*, use the first column of the chart to list the problems Heathcliff faces. In the second column, write down what he does to solve each problem. In the third column, explain how you would have solved the problem. (It may or may not be the same way Heathcliff did.)

Heathcliff's Problems	Heathcliff's Solutions	Your Solutions

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# Subject or Object?

In the story "Beyoncé Gives Back," you learned about the pronouns *who* and *whom*. But there are many other types of pronouns, such as subject and object pronouns!

**Subject pronouns** are used when the pronoun is the subject of the sentence. Subject pronouns may also rename the subject following "to be" verbs like *is*, *are*, *was*, *were*, *am*, and *will be*. Subject pronouns include: *I*, *you*, *he*, *she*, *it*, *we*, and *they*.

**Object pronouns** are used everywhere else, as direct objects, indirect objects, and objects of the preposition. Object pronouns include: *me*, *you*, *him*, *her*, *it*, *us*, and *them*.

**Directions:** Circle the correct pronouns in the sentences below.

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| <p>1. <b>I/me</b> am going to the park with Max because <b>he/him</b> is going to teach <b>I/me</b> how to skateboard.</p> <p>2. This is <b>she/her</b> speaking.</p> <p>3. It is <b>we/us</b> who are responsible for passing out the books.</p> <p>4. Are you talking to <b>I/me</b>?</p> <p>5. Sasha is as strong as <b>I/me</b>.</p> | <p>6. Zoe is taller than <b>she/her</b>.</p> <p>7. My brother and <b>I/me</b> went to the zoo on Saturday.</p> <p>8. Please, give the phone to Ben or <b>I/me</b>.</p> <p>9. <b>I/me</b> did the work for <b>she/her</b>.</p> <p>10. It is <b>they/them</b> who won the tournament.</p> |
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## YOUR TURN

**Directions:** Write a sentence using the pronouns *she* and *her*.

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**Directions:** Write a sentence using the pronouns *he* and *us*.

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# You're the Editor

**Directions:** Use the following proofreading marks to proofread the excerpt below.

SYMBOL	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Cap	Change case	He went to india.      Cap
¶	Begin a new paragraph	She sleeps. ¶ He eats.
.	Insert period	She sleeps, He eats.
,	Insert comma	She sleeps, and he eats.
sp	Spelling error	Witch word is misspelled.    sp

## *Beyoncé Bio*

Beyoncé Giselle Knowles was born on September 4 1981. She is a singer, songwriter record producer, and actress. Beyoncé was born and raised in Houston, Texas, where she went to several different performing-arts schools Beyoncé became famous in the 1990s as the lead singer of the group Destiny's child. After the success of Destiny's Child, Beyoncé decided to break out on her own. In 2003, Beyoncé released her first solo album, *Dangerously in Love*, which was one of the best-selling albums of the year.

With her success as a singer, Beyoncé expand her career to acting. In 2006 she played the lead roll in the movie *Dreamgirls*, for which she received two Golden globe nominations. In 2008, she starred in the film *Cadillac Records*. On April 4, 2008 Beyoncé married her longtime boyfriend Jay-Z. They are a very private couple and do not like to discuss there private life.

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# WHO Versus WHOM

The pronouns *who* and *whom* give writers a lot of trouble! *Who* is a subject that performs the action of the verb. *Whom* can be either the object of the preposition or an object that receives the action of the verb.

**Example:**

*Who* goes to Harding High School?

To *whom* are you speaking?

**Hint:** There is a simple trick to help you decide whether to use *who* or *whom*. Simply restate the sentence using *he/she* or *him/her*. Substitute *he/she* for *who* and *him/her* for *whom*.

**Example:**

*Who* goes to Harding High School? *He* goes to Harding High School.

To *whom* are you speaking? I am speaking to *her*.

**Directions:** Write the correct pronoun in each blank.

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| 1. _____ went to the football game last night?                                    | 6. Kyra knows _____ made the cupcakes.     |
| 2. Sarah, _____ we all know and love, will not be able to come to the party.      | 7. With _____ did you go ice skating?      |
| 3. To _____ did you speak about the auditions for the school play?                | 8. _____ should I ask for directions?      |
| 4. _____ is the best hitter on the team?  | 9. _____ ate the last piece of apple pie?  |
| 5. Emma is a tremendous athlete _____ will thrive at whichever sport she chooses. | 10. We all know _____ will win the debate. |

## YOUR TURN

**Directions:** Write a sentence using the pronoun *who*. Then, write a sentence using *whom*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Beyoncé Gives Back Quiz

**Directions:** Read the article "Beyoncé Gives Back," and answer each of the following questions.

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| <p>1. To what charity did Beyoncé give her paycheck for <i>Cadillac Records</i>?</p> <p>Ⓐ Big Brothers and Big Sisters</p> <p>Ⓑ the Miami Children's Hospital Foundation</p> <p>Ⓒ New York's Phoenix House</p> <p>Ⓓ the Survivor Foundation</p> | <p>5. Which of the following sentences uses the pronoun "who" incorrectly?</p> <p>Ⓐ Do you know who she is?</p> <p>Ⓑ There were children at the party who were having a fun time.</p> <p>Ⓒ Many of Beyoncé's fans, who enjoy her work, consider her to be a role model.</p> <p>Ⓓ Beyoncé is a performer who I really admire.</p>                | <p>8. Which word best describes Beyoncé?</p> <p>Ⓐ generous</p> <p>Ⓑ ingenious</p> <p>Ⓒ touching</p> <p>Ⓓ idle</p>  |
| <p>2. What did Beyoncé ask fans who came to her 2007 concert tour to do?</p> <p>Ⓐ sing along</p> <p>Ⓑ bring food donations</p> <p>Ⓒ donate money to charity</p> <p>Ⓓ volunteer for a charity</p>  | <p>6. How do you think Beyoncé feels about her charity work?</p> <p>Ⓐ relieved</p> <p>Ⓑ gratified</p> <p>Ⓒ profitable</p> <p>Ⓓ animated</p>   | <p>9. Why did Beyoncé give her check from <i>Cadillac Records</i> to Phoenix House?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>3. What city is Beyoncé's hometown?</p> <p>Ⓐ Houston</p> <p>Ⓑ New Orleans</p> <p>Ⓒ Miami</p> <p>Ⓓ New York</p>   | <p>7. Which of the following statements is an opinion?</p> <p>Ⓐ Every year, Beyoncé gives thousands of dollars in holiday gifts to kids in need.</p> <p>Ⓑ Beyoncé is very generous with her money.</p> <p>Ⓒ Beyoncé runs the Survivor Foundation with her sister, Solange.</p> <p>Ⓓ Beyoncé says that what she gives out comes back to her.</p> | <p>10. Summarize the article briefly, using the pronoun "whom" at least once.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>       |
| <p>4. Whom does the Survivor Foundation help?</p> <p>Ⓐ cancer patients</p> <p>Ⓑ victims of natural disasters</p> <p>Ⓒ homeless animals</p> <p>Ⓓ people with AIDS</p>  |   |  |

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# Your World Quiz

**Directions:** Read the Your World section, and answer each of the following questions.

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| <p>1. What percentage of high-school students say they have plagiarized work from the Internet?<br/>                 (A) 64<br/>                 (B) 60<br/>                 (C) 46<br/>                 (D) 36</p>   | <p>(B) A new character has been added.<br/>                 (C) The names of the gangs have been changed.<br/>                 (D) The Sharks will sing their songs in Spanish.</p>   | <p>9. Where does <i>West Side Story</i> take place?<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____</p>  |
| <p>2. What do the letters represent in the Jaime Plensa sculpture?<br/>                 (A) letters<br/>                 (B) words<br/>                 (C) cells<br/>                 (D) body parts</p>   | <p>6. Which word is the best synonym for “meh”?<br/>                 (A) boredom<br/>                 (B) unhappy<br/>                 (C) uh-oh<br/>                 (D) whatever</p>  | <p>10. What does the word “rival” mean today?<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____</p>   |
| <p>3. What makes up 60 percent of the human body?<br/>                 (A) cells<br/>                 (A) oxygen<br/>                 (C) water<br/>                 (D) hydrogen</p>   | <p>7. Which adjectives best describe <i>The Westing Game</i>?<br/>                 (A) suspenseful and mysterious<br/>                 (B) competitive and surprising<br/>                 (C) melancholy and boring<br/>                 (D) satisfying and interesting</p>        | <p>11. Imagine that you are a famous writer. You just finished a novel called <i>Meh</i>. Write the first paragraph of the first chapter of your book.<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____<br/>                 _____</p> |
| <p>4. On which classic story is <i>West Side Story</i> based?<br/>                 (A) <i>Wuthering Heights</i><br/>                 (B) <i>Romeo and Juliet</i><br/>                 (C) <i>Pride and Prejudice</i><br/>                 (D) <i>The Sun Also Rises</i></p> | <p>8. Which of the following would be the best alternate title for “Letter by Letter”?<br/>                 (A) “Alphabet Sculpture”<br/>                 (B) “Letters of the Soul”<br/>                 (C) “Letters on the Rise”<br/>                 (D) “Soul of the River”</p> |  |
| <p>5. How is the new production of <i>West Side Story</i> different from the original?<br/>                 (A) New songs have been added.</p>  |   |  |



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# Conflict Resolution

Every story is made up of conflicts. Conflicts are problems the characters try to resolve as the plot unfolds. In this activity, you will learn how to identify main conflicts in *Wuthering Heights*, as well as details about each conflict.

**Directions:** Read the first conflict below. Next, list two details from the play as evidence of the conflict and explain how the conflict is resolved. Then, identify a second conflict and repeat the activity.

**CONFLICT 1:** When Hindley inherits Wuthering Heights, he begins treating Heathcliff badly.

**Supporting Detail 1**

I know this because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Detail 2**

I know this because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How is the conflict resolved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CONFLICT 2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Detail 1**

I know this because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Detail 2**

I know this because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How is the conflict resolved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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