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# What Happened and Why?

A cause is something that makes something else happen. Out of two events, the cause happens first. Determine a cause by asking, "why did it happen?" An effect is what happens as a result of the cause. Of two related events, the effect happens last. Determine an effect by asking, "what happened?"

**Example:**

**CAUSE:** Sarah played soccer every day over the summer.

**EFFECT:** At fall tryouts, she made the varsity team.

**Directions:** Use these questions to find the cause-and-effect pairs in *Experience Pipeline*.

1. **CAUSE:** You focus in on winning the biggest surf contest of the year.

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

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

**EFFECT:** The three of you watch it march in and decide to let the first wave pass.

3. **CAUSE:** It's too late to pull back without getting sucked over the falls.

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

4. **CAUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**EFFECT:** Just when you think you've cleared the lip and made it out of the barrel, you feel the lip slam into your head, knocking you down.

**Your Turn:** Find one cause-and-effect pair from the story *Experience Pipeline* and write it below. Then, create one cause-and-effect pair of your own.

1. *Experience Pipeline*

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

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

2. **Your Own**

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

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