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What Happened and Why?

The key to figuring out cause and effect is to ask yourself two questions: "Why did that happen?" (to find a cause) and "What happened?" (to find an effect).

Example:

CAUSE: You get the lead in the school play.

EFFECT: Your dad takes you out for ice cream to celebrate.

Directions: Read *Iron Man*. Then fill in what's missing from each cause-and-effect pair below.

1. **CAUSE:** Tony launches the Jericho missile.

EFFECT: _____

2. **CAUSE:** _____

EFFECT: Yinsen hooks Tony's heart to a car battery.

3. **CAUSE:** Tony creates a new and improved Iron Man suit to fight Raza's thugs.

EFFECT: _____

4. **CAUSE:** _____

EFFECT: Tony is able to stop the worldwide sale of his weapons.

Your Turn: Find two cause-and-effect pairs from the play and write them below. Then invent one cause-and-effect pair of your own.

1. *Iron Man*

CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____

2. *Iron Man*

CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____

3. *Your Own*

CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____