

Cause and Effect

Name _____

To fully comprehend a story, readers need to understand why certain events happen. This can be done using a *cause* and *effect* chart. An **effect** is an outcome or result. A **cause** is the reason why an effect happens. In other words, effects happen because of causes! As you read, fill in the missing boxes of the cause/effect chart below. An example has been done for you.

Cause (why something happens)	Effect (the outcome)
The teacher assigned an author report.	Leigh sent some questions to Mr. Henshaw.
Mom found the letter with Mr. Henshaw's questions.	1.
2.	Every day somebody steals something from Leigh's lunch.
Leigh doesn't like being alone in the mornings before school.	3.
4.	Leigh buys a composition notebook.
5.	Leigh realizes that Mr. Fridley isn't the only one who notices him.
Leigh's dad has not called like he said that he would.	6.
7.	Leigh hangs up the phone on his father.
8.	Leigh is invited to the author lunch even though he didn't win the contest.
9.	Mom does not want to reunite with Leigh's father.
10.	Leigh feels sad and a whole lot better at the same time.