

Cause and Effect

- A **cause** is why something happens. An **effect** is what happens.
- Sometimes clue words such as *because*, *so*, and *since* signal causes and effects. Other times you must figure out the causes and effects for yourself.

Directions Read the following passage. Complete the diagram to show causes and effects. Then answer the question below the diagram.

As Casey walked home from the store, the air felt crisp and dry. Casey could see small white clouds made by her breath. Since the wind blew sharply, the leaves on the elm tree rustled. She tightened her coat around her.

As she hurried down the street, the

sky grew darker. Casey had a feeling something was about to happen. Just as she reached her house, a big fluffy, white snowflake fell onto her coat. She looked up and smiled. The first snowfall of the season, she thought. How exciting!

Cause

Effect

The air was crisp and dry.

1.

2.

The leaves rustled, and Casey tightened her coat.

The sky grew darker.

3.

4.

Casey became excited.

5. What are two effects of snowfall?

