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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. Then answer the questions below.

Every fall, the Stevensons celebrate a tradition they call Fall Day. Fall Day starts with yard work. Mom and Dad rake the leaves into big piles. Alicia and Paul are in charge of getting the leaves into the yard waste bags. After the leaves are picked up, they all go inside for hot apple cider.

After drinking the cider, they drive to the pumpkin farm. Alicia and Paul pick out pumpkins to take home and carve. That night, they will light candles inside the pumpkins and set them on the porch, because they like to look at the pumpkins' glowing faces. Fall Day is tiring, but it is always fun.

1. Why do Mom and Dad rake the leaves into piles?

2. Why do the Stevensons drive to the pumpkin farm?

3. Why do Alicia and Paul light candles in their pumpkins?

4. Why do the Stevensons call this day Fall Day?

5. What is a tradition you observe every year? What is the cause of this tradition?



Home Activity Your child identified causes and effects in a short passage. Talk to your child about something your family does as a tradition. Ask your child to write down what the tradition is and why it is done.