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Cause and Effect

- A **cause** is what makes something happen. 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 complete the diagram to show causes and effects.

The score was 20 to 20. It was the last few seconds in the game. Daniel and Mario tried to remain calm. They played this game each summer. Volleyball on the beach was their favorite sport, and they were a great team. The ball was served. The return tipped the net, so Mario dove

for the ball and hit it straight up into the air. Sand splashed in his face. He looked up to see Daniel hit the ball over the net. The ball sailed toward the line. The other team couldn't reach it, and it fell to the sand. Mario jumped up, because Daniel had made the winning play.

Cause

Effect

The ball tipped the net.

1. Mario _____

2. Daniel hit _____

3. The ball _____

4. Daniel _____

5. Mario _____

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Home Activity Your child identified causes and effects in a brief passage. Write down three different decisions you and your child have made recently. Talk about what caused you to make those decisions and what effect those decisions have had.