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Cause and Effect

- A **cause** tells why something happened.
- An **effect** is what happened.
- Words such as *because* and *so* are clues that can help you figure out a **cause** and its **effects**.

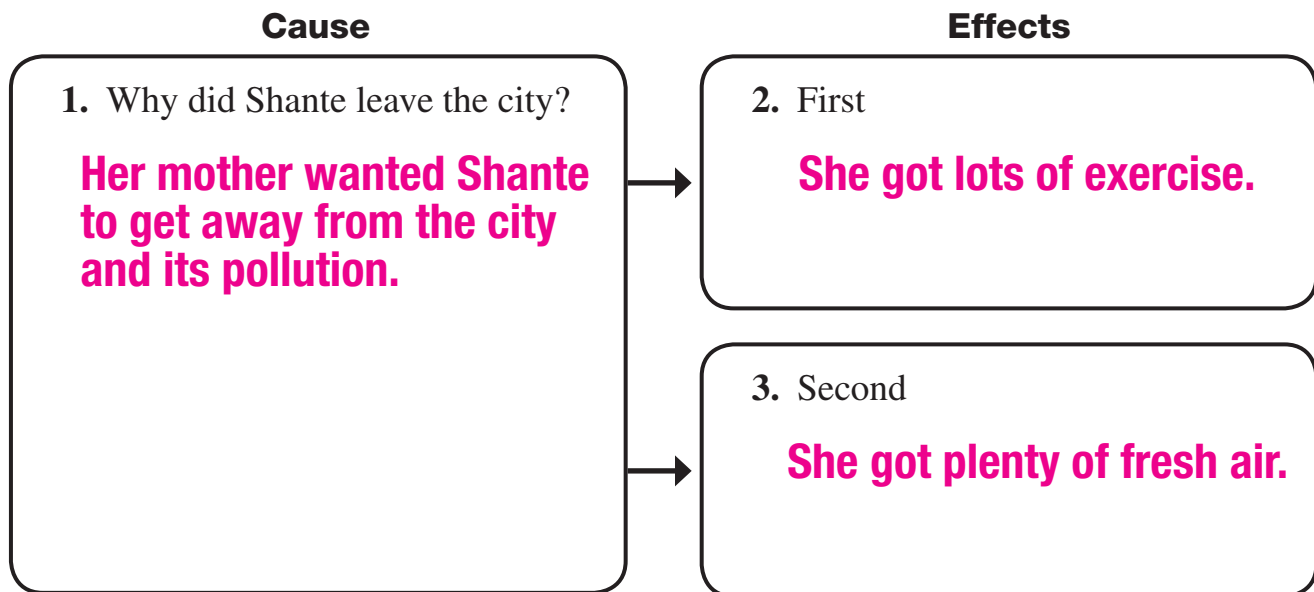
Directions Read the following passage.

“**Y**ou’re going to go to camp this summer,” said Mom. “You need to get out of the city.”

So, Shante went to a camp in the country. She went swimming in a lake. She hiked in the mountains and picked

wildflowers. The air was clean and crisp. When she got home, her mother said, “You look so healthy because you went to camp. You got lots of exercise and breathed clean air. You’re not coughing from the city smoke.”

Directions Complete the cause and effect graphic organizer. **Answers may vary.**



4. What clue words helped you figure out the answers?

Clue words: *So* and *because*



Home Activity Your child identified a cause and two effects in a story. Understanding causes and effects helps your child better understand what he or she reads. The words *because* and *so* are clue words that a cause and effect have happened. Ask your child questions using the words *cause* and *effect*. For example, you might say, “What caused the noodles to get soft? (cooking them) What is the effect of eating? (no longer hungry)”