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Cause and Effect • Answer Questions

- A **cause** tells why something happened.
- An **effect** is what happened.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram below.

Dan Dragon had trouble making friends. But he kept trying.
 “Hi,” Dan greeted a robin on a tree. But Dan’s breath was fiery. His flames burned the branch where Robin sat. Frightened, Robin flew away. She did not want Dan as a friend. So, once again, Dan felt alone.

The next day, Dan met a dragon, just like himself.
 “No one will play with me,” Dan complained.
 “I will!” David Dragon said. So the two happy dragons had fun roasting marshmallows with the flames from their breath.

Causes

Effects

1. **Dan’s breath burned Robin’s branch. Robin got scared.**
Why did it happen?

Robin flew away.

What happened?

2. **Dan couldn’t make friends with Robin.**
Why did it happen?

Dan felt alone.

What happened?

3. **The two dragons had a lot in common.**
Why did it happen?

Dan and David became friends.

What happened?

4. **Dan and David realized their fiery breath could serve a good purpose.**
Why did it happen?

Dan and David roasted marshmallows together.

What happened?

5. What did you do to answer question 1, above?

Possible response:
I searched in the story and thought about what happened to make Robin fly away.

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Home Activity Your child identified cause and effect in a fantasy passage about dragons. With your child, read a magazine article about a different animal. Work together to identify cause and effect in the story.