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Cause and Effect

- A **cause** tells why something happened.
- An **effect** is what happened.
- *Because* and *so* are words that show cause and effect. Sometimes a clue word is not used.

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

Gregory did not have much money. He had a son, Nicky. Gregory was worried about Nicky. Nicky longed to have the things that other boys on their block had.

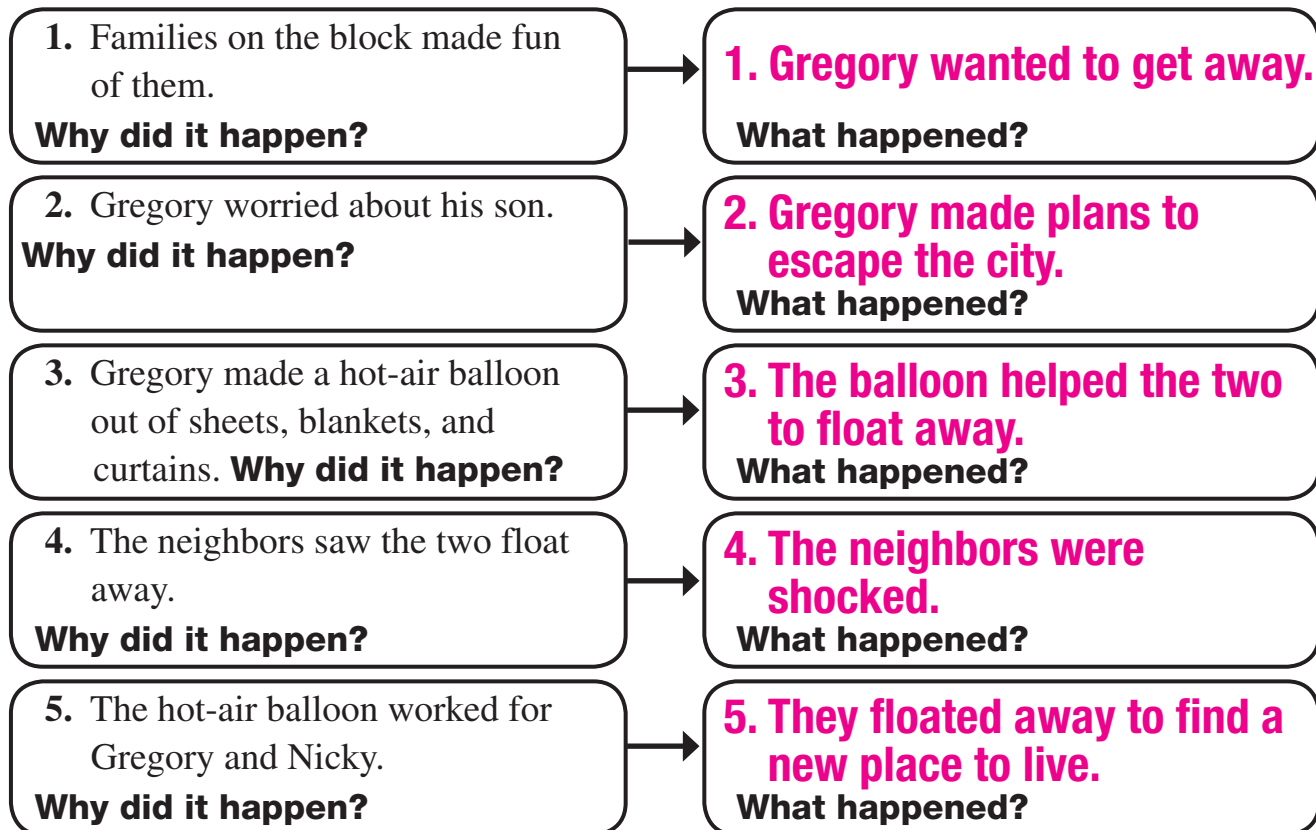
So Gregory thought of a plan. He wanted them to leave the city. He gathered all the sheets, blankets, and curtains he

could find. He used them to make a hot-air balloon. When the balloon was finished, Gregory and Nicky filled it with hot air, and it rose high into the sky. The neighbors looked on. They were shocked.

The man and his son floated away from the city, looking for a new place to live.

Causes

Effects



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Home Activity Your child identified the cause in a fantasy passage about a family affected by certain events. With your child, read a fantasy story about a different family and identify cause and effect.