

Cause and Effect • Graphic Organizer

- A **cause** is why something happens. An **effect** is what happens.
- A **cause** may have more than one **effect**. *Because I did not do my homework, I couldn't watch the movie or go outside for recess.*
- An **effect** may have more than one **cause**. *Dad's plants dried up because he left them in the hot sun and did not water them.*
- A **graphic organizer** can help you identify and organize information as you read.

Directions Read the following story. Then fill in the chart below.

Rosa's mother made beautiful tin ornaments. No two were the same. One day, a man asked her to come to the United States to make the ornaments for his business. So Rosa and her mother left Mexico. People loved the ornaments. The

man sold everything Rosa's mother made. She was so busy, she had to teach others to make the tin pieces. The man was so happy that he made Rosa's mother a business partner.

CAUSES: Why did it happen?

EFFECTS: What happened?

1. **Rosa's mother made beautiful tin ornaments.**

A man wanted Rosa's mother to make the ornaments for his business.

The man asked Rosa's mother to come to the United States.

2. **Rosa and her mother moved to the United States.**

3. **People loved the ornaments.**

The man sold everything Rosa's mother made.

Rosa's mother was very busy.

4. **She had to show others how to make the ornaments.**

5. **The man was very happy.**

The man made Rosa's mother a partner.



Home Activity Your child learned about cause and effect. Read a story together. Ask your child to describe something that happened in the story. Then ask him or her to tell you what caused the effect. Repeat the exercise two or three times.