

# Winter Blooms

Margo loved flowers. They made her think of spring. There were no flowers growing in the yard now because it was January and the ground was frozen. Margo wondered how to grow flowers in her house, so she went to the library for a book.

She read the book carefully so she would know how to make flowers grow in her house. The book had a list of what she needed for an indoor garden, so she went to the garden shop to buy some supplies. The book said flowers grow best near a window because they need plenty of sun. So, she set her new green plants on her kitchen windowsill. The book also said that flowers need water. Margo put the watering can near the sink to remind her to water the plants often. She looked at her dreary yard and then at her cheerful pots of plants. She hoped they would bloom soon!

**Skill** There are some clue words in this paragraph — *because* and *so*. What causes and effects can you find in this paragraph?

**Strategy** Here's another clue word. This sentence is like the one in the first paragraph. This pattern should help you recognize that events are happening in order and that they affect one another.