

Name _____

Cause and Effect

- An **effect** is something that happens. A **cause** is why that thing happened.
- Sometimes there are clue words or phrases to help you figure out what happened and why. Some of these clue words and phrases are *so*, *because*, *since*, *consequently*, and *as a result*.

Directions Read each of these sentences. Circle the cause and underline the effect.

1. Sue was moving, which made Annie feel sad.
2. Everyone joked at dinner because Annie's father now had a job.
3. Annie's family was lucky to have a farm because that meant they had food to eat.
4. Because it took hours to get food at the store, Annie's father was often late.
5. Companies went out of business, so people lost their jobs.
6. Annie's mother was sad because she had no money to buy flowers.
7. When the stock market crashed, stocks suddenly were worth nothing.
8. Annie's family was happy because Annie's father got a new job.

Directions Answer these questions.

9. What was the cause of the Great Depression?

Stock market crashed; banks and companies failed.

10. What were two effects of the Great Depression?

People lost their jobs; many people had to move.