

SKILL: Cause and Effect

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You have a stomachache. What was the cause of the stomachache? You ate too much pasta. What was the result of the stomachache? You missed a baseball game. This is an example of a “cause-and-effect” relationship. When you’re reading stories or articles, understanding causes and effects is important. This activity will help you improve this skill.

Directions: Pick two events from the story and fill in the boxes below.

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