



Cause and Effect

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 3

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- C) so
- D) before

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- A) Maya left her project outside.
- B) The paper was soggy and the paint washed away.
- C) Maya worked hard on her project.
- D) It stopped raining in the morning.

4. Which sentence uses the word 'therefore' correctly to show cause and effect?

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- B) She liked pizza, therefore she liked the color blue.
- C) The road was blocked by a fallen tree. Therefore, the cars had to turn around.
- D) Therefore is a difficult word to spell.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

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2. The wind blew the papers off the desk, _____ she had to pick them all up.
3. _____ the book was so exciting, he stayed up past his bedtime to finish it.
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