

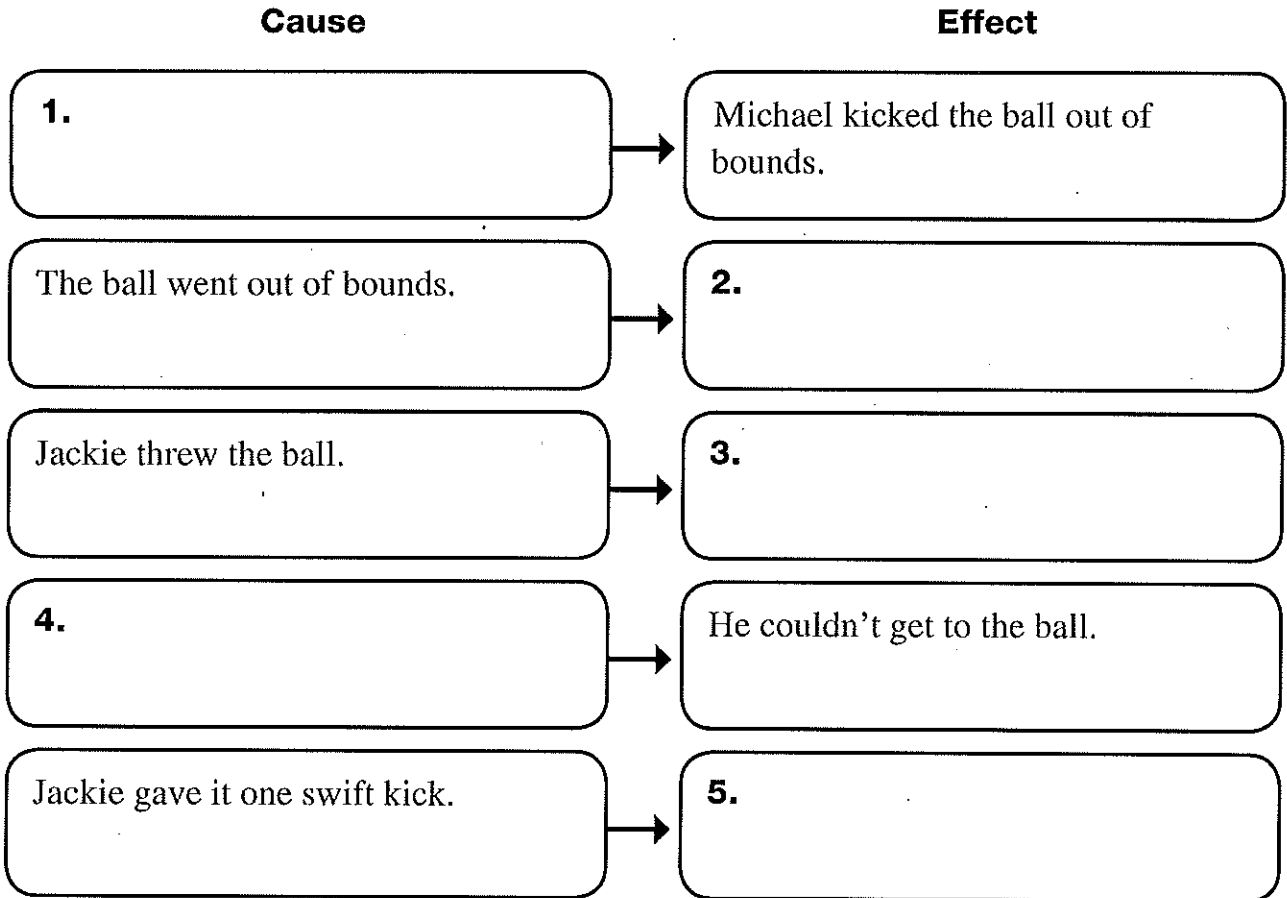
Cause and Effect

HW 10/25

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Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram.

Today's soccer game was full of action! Tina kicked the ball to Michael, but she kicked it too hard. Michael's kick made the ball go out of bounds. Jackie, on the other team, had the chance to throw it in. She threw the ball so hard, it almost went into Tina and Michael's goal. Andre, the goalie, jumped to the side and blocked it. He kicked it back into the field. Michael tripped while running and couldn't get to the ball. This left the ball right in front of Jackie. Jackie gave it one swift kick, sending the ball soaring past Andre and into the goal.



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Home Activity Your child identified causes and effects in a short passage. Read an article about a sporting event with your child. Ask your child to identify causes and effects in the article you read.

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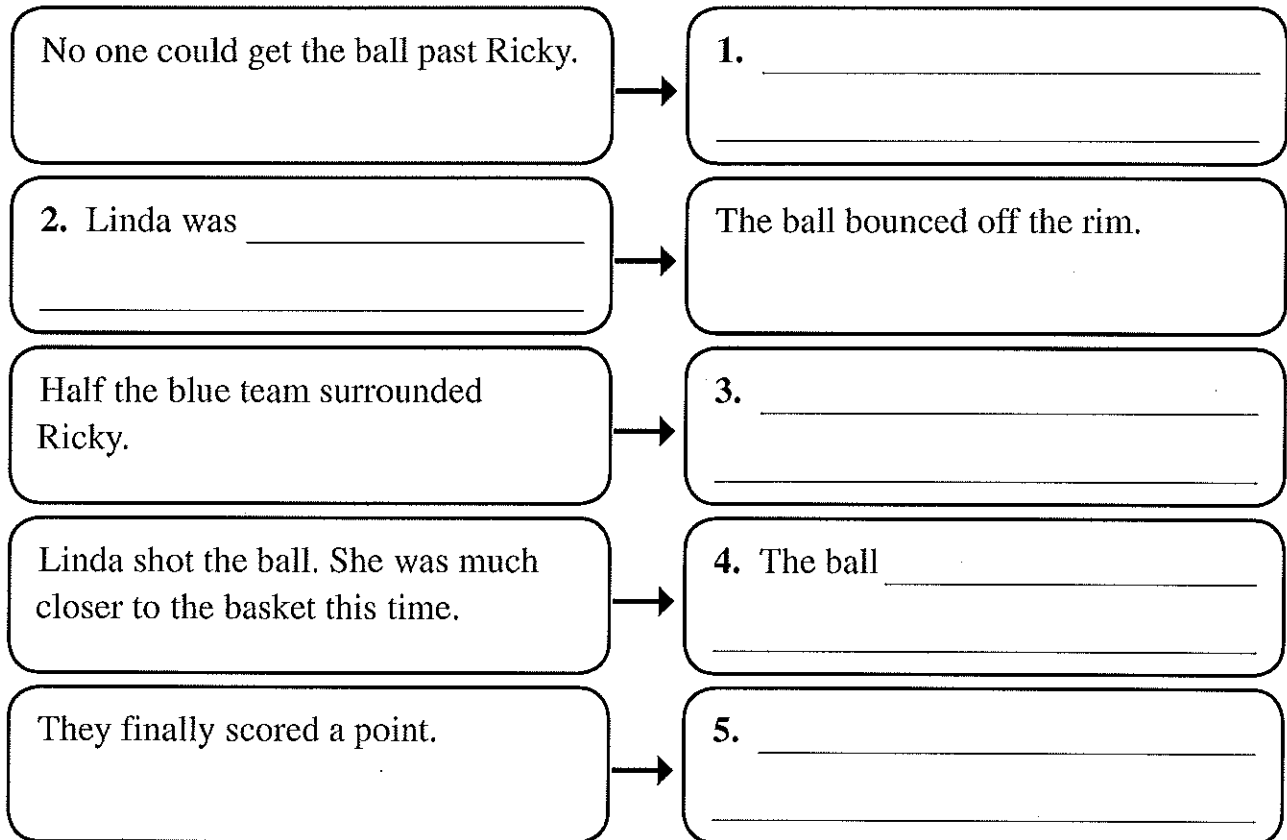
Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram.

The blue team's score was zero because no one could get the ball past Ricky. The blue team's coach told them to take shots before Ricky had a chance to block them. Linda quickly took a shot. She was too far away from the hoop, so the ball bounced off the rim. Half the blue team

surrounded Ricky. This left the ball open for Linda to get it again. She shot the ball. She was much closer to the basket this time, so the ball made it in. The blue team cheered because they had finally scored a point!

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Home Activity Your child identified causes and effects in a short passage. Talk with him or her about an event that happened during the day. Ask your child what the causes and effects of that event were.

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Directions Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

Ana's brothers said she couldn't play baseball with them because she was younger than they were. This made Ana angry. She knew she was good at throwing, and she also had a strong swing. "They're just worried about what their friends will say," thought Ana. She took a seat behind the dugout to watch the game. During the first inning, Ana's brother Jose jammed his

finger while trying to catch a fast grounder. He had to leave the game to get some ice. This was Ana's chance. She volunteered to take his place. Everado, her other brother, stared her down with an irritated look. "Of course you can play," said one of the other players. "Do you have your mitt?" asked another. Ana did, and she ran onto the field with a smile on her face.

1. At the beginning of the passage, what was the cause of Ana not being able to play?

2. What was the effect of this event?

3. What was the cause of Jose's jammed finger?

4. What was the effect of this event?

5. Have you ever been told you could not do something you knew you were able to do? How did it make you feel? Compare your situation with Ana's.



Home Activity Your child identified causes and effects in a short passage. Have your child write a short story about a sporting event or other event. Ask your child to underline the causes and effects of the events in the story.