

Cause and Effect: 24 Task Cards

Ways to Use Task Cards

1. Model to the class how to use clues to find the cause or effect.
2. Set the cards out around the room and have students go on a scavenger hunt.
3. Give each student a card to answer at their own desk. Then, have the students leave the card at their desk while they move to the desk next to them. Continue until all the cards have been answered.
4. Have partners answer the questions together – 1 person reads the card, while the other person writes the answer on the answer sheet. For the next card, have the students switch roles!
5. Have early finishers complete the task cards.

Cause and Effect

Patty was very thirsty, so she poured herself a cup of milk. She took a quick sip from her glass. The milk had gone sour! She spit it out.

What caused Patty to spit out the milk?

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Cause and Effect

Jaylen was blowing bubbles on his front porch. One of the bubbles floated slowly down to the ground. As soon as it hit the concrete, it popped.

What was the effect of Jaylen's bubble hitting the ground?

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Cause and Effect

Janya couldn't find one of her favorite earrings. She crawled on the floor of her bedroom looking for it. Janya's room was too messy to see anything, so she had to clean her room.

What caused Janya to clean her room?

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Cause and Effect

When Cameron came inside, he accidentally got mud everywhere! He didn't want to get in trouble, so he told his mom that all of the mud was his dog Charlie's fault. His mom found out and grounded him.

What was the effect of Cameron lying?

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Cause and Effect

Phillip was watching a football game on TV. His baby sister crawled in and started wailing loudly in front of the TV, so Phillip couldn't see anything. When his sister finally got out of the way, the game was over!

What caused Phillip to miss the end of the game?

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Cause and Effect

Eric was playing basketball with his friends. He noticed that nobody was guarding his teammate Josh. He passed the ball to Josh, and then Josh did a layup and scored!

What was the effect of Eric passing the ball to Josh?

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Cause and Effect

Keri dipped one of her toes in the swimming pool. The water felt wonderful! She jumped in, and the water splashed everywhere. Her mom got soaked!

What caused Keri's mom to get wet?

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Cause and Effect

Nishadi had a math test the next day. She knew she should study, but instead she decided to play video games with her best friend. The next day, Nishadi failed her test.

What was the effect of Nishadi playing video games?

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Cause and Effect

Chelsea and her dad were driving down a road on their way to school. A bunny hopped out in the middle of the road and looked around. Chelsea's dad swerved around the bunny.

What caused Chelsea's dad to swerve the car?

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Cause and Effect

Jose tripped while carrying a cup of apple juice. The juice spilled everywhere, soaking the computer next to him. The next time he tried to use the computer, the mouse wouldn't work.

What was the effect of spilling juice on the computer?

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Cause and Effect

Beth was enjoying a day at the beach. She was so excited that she jumped in the water without putting on any sunscreen. The next day, she groaned as she got out of bed because she was so sunburned.

What caused Beth to groan?

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Cause and Effect

At the movie theater, Diana was watching a frightening movie. When a monster appeared suddenly on the screen, Diana spilled her popcorn all over the floor because she jumped in fright.

What was the effect of Diana jumping?

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Cause and Effect

When Mindy was heading to her desk, she tripped and fell. Several of her classmates started laughing at her and, as a result, she started to cry.

What caused Mindy to cry?

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Cause and Effect

Sunni was at the zoo with her family. She was so fascinated by the giraffes that she didn't notice that her family had walked off to a different exhibit. She couldn't find her family anywhere!

What was the effect of Sunni watching the giraffes?

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Cause and Effect

Esmeralda had a 5 dollar bill in her pocket so that she could buy a treat at the mall. She didn't know she had a hole in her pocket until the money had already disappeared!

What caused Esmeralda's money to disappear?

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Cause and Effect

Autumn was having a sleepover with her best friends. As a result of their loud laughter and gossip, Autumn's mom walked by and shut their door.

What was effect of Autumn and her friends being loud?

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Cause and Effect

Aujah's mom braided her hair for picture day. Her hair looked beautiful, but the braids were very tight. Consequently, she got a headache.

What caused Aujah's headache?

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Cause and Effect

Randy and his friends were playing touch football outside. All of a sudden they saw a flash of lightning, and it started raining heavily. The boys went inside.

What was the effect of the rain?

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Cause and Effect

Kenzie was supposed to go to school, but she wasn't feeling well. She had a fever and her head was aching. Her mom decided to take her to the doctor.

What caused Kenzie's mom to take her to the doctor?

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Cause and Effect

One of Omar's chores was to wash the dishes, but he hated doing it. He didn't clean any of the dishes for about a week, and so his house really started to stink.

What was the effect of Omar not doing the dishes?

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Cause and Effect

Felipe was ready for school. While he was waiting for his mom, he looked out the window and saw that it was snowing. Felipe went to his closet and grabbed a jacket.

What caused Felipe to grab a jacket?

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Cause and Effect

Jin's mom told him it was time for bed. Jin turned off the lights, got in bed, and pretended to go to sleep. 30 minutes later, though, he snuck out of bed to play video games. The next morning, Jin was exhausted and kept falling asleep during school.

What was the effect of Jin staying up to play video games?

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Cause and Effect

Violet was blowing bubbles with her bubble gum. Eventually one of the bubbles popped and got all over Violet's face and hair. She tried to rinse the gum out of her hair, but it wouldn't come out. She had to get her hair cut.

What caused Violet to get her hair cut?

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Cause and Effect

Bennett was playing outside in the backyard with his dog. He saw his best friend walking down the street and opened the gate to meet him. His dog escaped and took off running down the street.

What was the effect of Bennett opening the gate?

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Cause and Effect: Task Cards Answer Sheet

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Cause and Effect: Task Cards **KEY**

1.	The milk was sour.
2.	The bubble popped.
3.	She couldn't find her earring.
4.	He was grounded.
5.	His baby sister cried in front of the TV.
6.	Josh scored.
7.	The water splashed everywhere when Keri jumped in the pool.
8.	She failed her test.
9.	A bunny hopped in the middle of the road.
10.	The mouse would no longer work.
11.	She was sunburned.
12.	She spilled her popcorn.

13.	Her classmates laughed at her.
14.	She couldn't find her family.
15.	She had a hole in her pocket.
16.	Their door got shut.
17.	Her braids were too tight.
18.	The boys went inside.
19.	Kenzie wasn't feeling well.
20.	The house started to stink.
21.	He saw that it was snowing.
22.	He kept falling asleep during school.
23.	Violet got bubble gum in her hair.
24.	His dog escaped.