

Cause and effect - 1

Cause and effect is when one thing (the cause) makes something else happen (the effect). Working out cause and effect will help you to understand what you read.

One to five

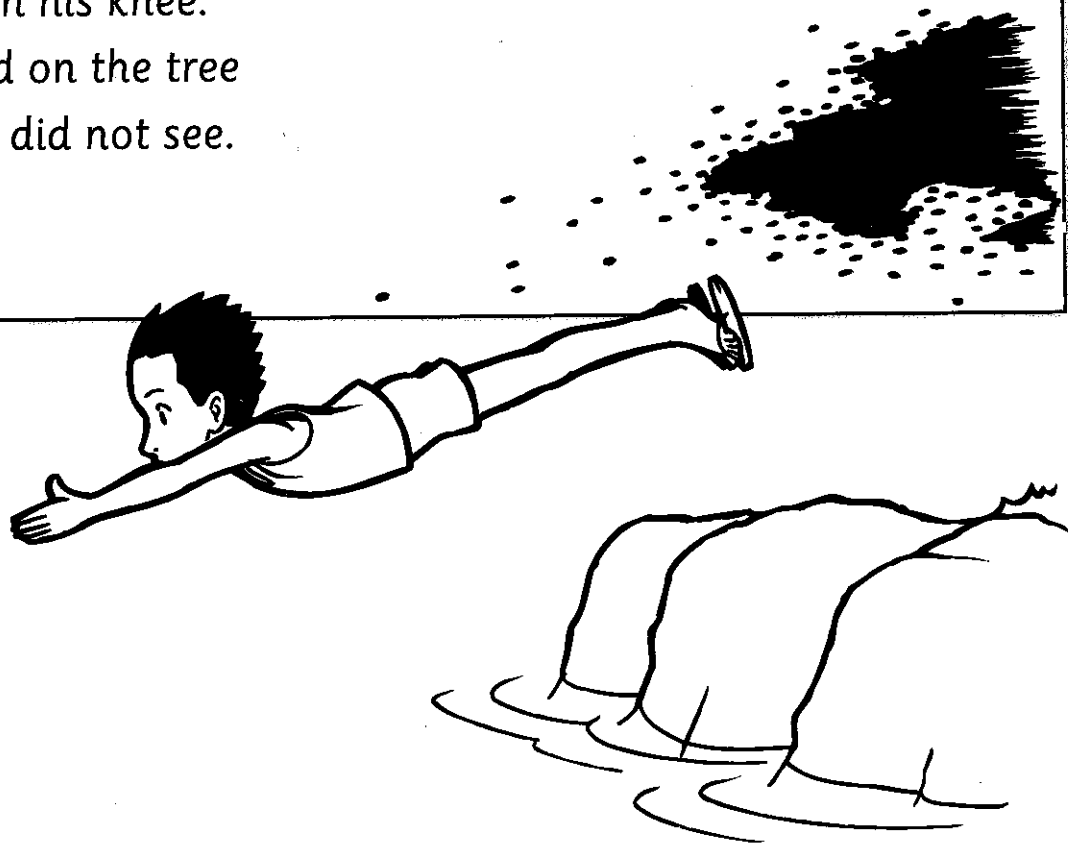
When Jamal was one
He learnt how to run.
When the dog took his bun
He didn't run for fun.

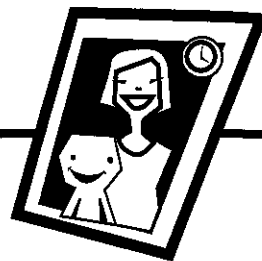
When Maria was two
She tripped on her shoe.
It was brand new
It was slippery and blue.

When Jai was three
He fell on his knee.
He tripped on the tree
Which he did not see.

When Su-Li was four
Her head hit the door.
She fell down on the floor
And felt very sore.

When Mario was five
He learnt how to dive.
Bees from a hive
Tried to eat him alive.





Practise finding cause and effect.
(Clues are given to help you.)

1. *What caused Maria to trip over her shoe?*

- (a) The shoes were slippery and new.
- (b) She ran after the dog.
- (c) She did not tie her shoelace.
- (d) The shoe was too big for her.

The best answer is .

2. *What caused Jai to fall on his knee?*

- (a) He twisted his ankle.
- (b) He tripped on the tree.
- (c) He slipped on the floor.
- (d) He tripped over Jamal's foot.

The best answer is .

3. *Write **cause** or **effect** for each.*

- (a) Jamal learnt how to run ...
- (b) the dog took his bun.
- (c) Maria tripped on her shoe ...
- (d) her new shoe was slippery.
- (e) Jai fell on his knee ...
- (f) he tripped on the tree.

Think!

Find and read the verse where Maria and her shoe are talked about. The cause is in the same verse.

Think!

Find and read a verse which tells about Jai. Find the cause.

Think!

Think about what caused something to happen.



Work out these answers.

What caused Su-Li to feel very sore?

- (a) She cut her finger.
- (b) She bumped her foot.
- (c) She hit her head on the door and fell on the floor.
- (d) She tripped on her new blue shoe.

The best answer is .

Think!
Find and read the verse where Su-Li is talked about.

What caused Mario to learn to dive?

- (a) He was swimming with his dad.
- (b) He was in a submarine.
- (c) Bees from a hive tried to eat him alive.
- (d) He tripped on a tree.

The best answer is .

Copy words from the poem to write the cause to match each effect.

(a) Su-Li hit her head on the door because ...

(b) Mario learnt to dive because ...
