

Lesson 5: Identifying Cause and Effect Relationships

Take the following quiz.

Cause and Effect Trivia Quiz

1. What caused Spider-Man to have superpowers?
2. When the *Titanic* hit an iceberg, what was the result?
3. When Pinocchio lies, what happens to his face?
4. Why did Michael Jordan return to professional basketball after briefly playing minor league baseball?
5. In *The Wizard of Oz*, what effect does water have on the Wicked Witch of the West?
6. On *The X-Files*, what is usually given as the cause of Agent Mulder's interest in the paranormal?
7. What caused the success of the Spice Girls?

Now check your answers. (They're shown at the bottom of this page.)

How'd you do? You may not have gotten them all, but you probably knew the answers to a few of the trivia questions. This shows you know something about causes and effects (and that you have a lot of useless information floating around in your head).

Look at the questions again. They all ask the same basic things: *How or why did something happen?* or *When something happened, what was the result?*

Some questions on the TCAP/CT will ask you about causes and effects in reading passages. These are often in the form of inference questions: The correct answer is not spelled out for you; you need to put together details from the passage to figure out the answers. Here are a few tips to help you out.

ANSWERS: 1. He was bitten by a radioactive spider. 2. The *Titanic* sank. 3. His nose grows. 4. He couldn't hit a curve ball. 5. She melts. 6. He believes his sister was abducted by aliens. 7. Who knows?