

TIERED CAUSE AND EFFECT EXAMPLES

Introductory/Intermediate Examples

- The boy missed the bus because he overslept.
- The girl fell because the sidewalk was icy.
- The man got a ticket because he was speeding.
- Jason missed the swing because he didn't keep his eye on the ball.
- The girl had to miss recess because she didn't do her homework.
- Janice got an *A* on her science test because she studied very hard.
- The trip to the beach was cancelled because of the rain.
- The food in the refrigerator spoiled because the electricity went out.
- Lightening hit the pine tree, causing it to fall on the road.
- Susan didn't read the recipe carefully, and her cookies did not turn out as she had expected.

Intermediate/Challenging Examples

- Many scientists believe that the extinction of the dinosaurs was caused by a large meteorite hitting the Earth millions of years ago.
- Tsunamis are created when tectonic plates under the ocean shift, causing an underwater earthquake.
- The Stamp Act enraged the colonists and was one of the leading causes of the Revolutionary War.
- John attached a copper wire to each terminal of a battery and then to a light bulb. Due to the fact that copper is a conductor, the light bulb went on.
- The wasteful energy use of many Americans has contributed to global warming.
- When water molecules come into contact with a heat source, they begin to move very quickly, causing the water to boil.
- The referee called a penalty on the basketball player for traveling.
- The Exxon Valdez oil spill had devastating long-term effects on the seal population in Alaska.