

WRITING A CAUSE AND EFFECT PARAGRAPH



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1. What was the cause? _____

2. What were the effects? List three. _____

The following sentence states a cause. What might be the effects that happen next? Finish the paragraph by writing what you think the effects will be.

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Write your paragraph on a separate sheet of paper

ANSWER KEY

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Answers will vary

Many cars were stuck on the roads and schools were closed.