

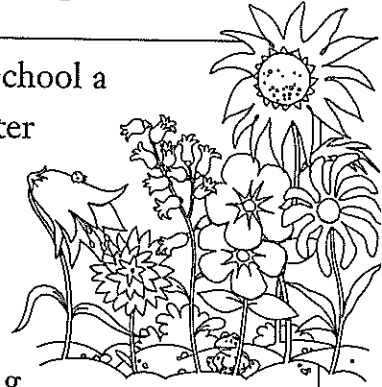
Skill Reminder

cause = why something happens

effect = what happens

- Read the story. Circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

Last spring the principal of Beech Street School gave our school a challenge. He asked us to find ways to make the school a better place. The fourth-grade class decided to plant a garden. The class cleared land behind the school. Students asked for community help, so the hardware store donated free seeds. Students planted seeds and carefully watered and cared for the young plants. Finally, their work paid off. In the spring students picked more than 10 pounds of vegetables. Because they had enough food to share, the fourth graders held a picnic for the whole school.



- 1 What was the direct effect of the principal's challenge?
- A The principal wanted to make the school a better place.
- B Fourth graders decided to plant a garden.
- C Students went to a picnic.
- D The plants grew large.

**Tip**

Remember that an effect is what happens because of another event.

- 2 Why did the hardware store donate seeds?
- F The principal asked for them.
- G Students wanted to plant a garden.
- H Students asked for community help.
- J Students held a picnic.

**Tip**

Find the signal word so to help you to see the cause-and-effect relationship.

- 3 What caused the fourth graders to hold a picnic?
- A They had enough food to share.
- B It was the last day of school.
- C They wanted to make the school a better place.
- D The principal gave a challenge.

**Tip**

A cause is why something happens. Find the sentence that tells why the fourth graders held the picnic.