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Cause and Effect

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Cause: Loud boom of thunder

Effect: The dog scratched at the door

Read each short scenario. Identify the cause and the effect for each.

1. In science class, Jessica mixed vinegar and baking soda together. The mixture began to fizz and bubble over.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

2. My friend Elizabeth was talking during the quiz in Mrs. Jefferson's class. Mrs. Jefferson told her she would have to stay inside during recess.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

3. My mother made a grocery list, but she left it at home. Then, she forgot to buy the flour that we needed to make a cake.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

4. It began to rain and storm just before our soccer game, so we had to cancel the game.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

5. When the American states were still colonies of England, the king of England began to tax everything that the colonists shipped to England and that they tried to buy from England. The colonists decided that they would rather be independent, and they started a war with England.

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Answers Cause and Effect

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Cause: _____ *Mixing vinegar and baking soda* _____

Effect: _____ *The mixture fizzed and bubbled* _____

2. My friend Elizabeth was talking during the quiz in Mrs. Jefferson's class. Mrs. Jefferson told her she would have to stay inside during recess.

Cause: _____ *Elizabeth talked during the quiz* _____

Effect: _____ *Elizabeth had to miss recess* _____

3. My mother made a grocery list, but she left it at home. Then, she forgot to buy the flour that we needed to make a cake.

Cause: _____ *Mom left the grocery list at home* _____

Effect: _____ *Mom forgot the flour* _____

4. It began to rain and storm just before our soccer game, so we had to cancel the game.

Cause: _____ *It began to rain and storm* _____

Effect: _____ *Soccer game was cancelled* _____

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Cause: _____ *King of England taxed items* _____

Effect: _____ *Colonists went to war* _____