Clues in Text

Students use nonfiction clues to find what happened when and why.

1.RC.8 "Identify how a nonfiction text can be structured to indicate order (e.g., sequential) or to explain a simple cause and effect relationship."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 WHAT HAPPENED

a	brush	towel	spoon
b	cup	sink	freezer

2 WHY IT HAPPENED

a	rain	sun	snow
b	ice	wind	soup

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each short text and question aloud. Students use the order of events in Part 1 and cause-and-effect clues in Part 2 to circle an answer.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · WHAT HAPPENED

SAY "Listen for the order of the steps. I will read each text and the words in its row. Circle the word that answers the question."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	To wash a carrot, first rinse it. Then scrub it with a brush. At the end, rinse it again. What do you use between the two rinses? Your choices are brush, towel, and spoon. Circle your answer.	**brush**
b	To make ice cubes, pour water into a tray. Put the tray in the freezer. Later, take out the ice. Where does the tray go between pouring the water and taking out the ice? Your choices are cup, sink, and freezer. Circle your answer.	**freezer**

PART 2 · WHY IT HAPPENED

SAY "Now listen for what made something happen. I will read each text and the words in its row. Circle the word that answers the question."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	A puddle is on a sidewalk. The sun heats it all morning. Later, the puddle is smaller. What made the puddle smaller? Your choices are rain, sun, and snow. Circle your answer.	**sun**
b	A metal spoon sits in hot soup. A little later, the spoon feels warm. What warmed the spoon? Your choices are ice, wind, and soup. Circle your answer.	**soup**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1: brush, freezer. Part 2: sun, soup. Accept one circled answer per row.