

Why River Town Changed

Find causes and effects in a changing community.

2.7a "Cause-and-effect relationships help us to understand the changes in communities."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Find three cause-and-effect pairs in paragraphs 2 and 3. Underline each cause and circle its effect. Give both parts of each pair the same number: 1, 2, or 3.

Changes in River Town

- ① Long ago, many families in River Town lived near stores, schools, and jobs. Most people walked or rode horses. Farms covered land outside town, so the community had many open fields.
- ② Later, more families bought automobiles. Because families could travel by car, new suburbs formed outside River Town. Families could live farther from stores and jobs. The community began to spread beyond its old center.
- ③ The suburban population grew over time. The larger population led River Town to build a new school. Separately, builders used some nearby farms for houses, so the community had less farmland.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What caused new suburbs to form outside River Town?

2 What was one effect of the larger suburban population?

3 What action caused the community to have less farmland?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Imagine one change in a community. Write two sentences. Tell a cause in the first sentence and an effect in the second sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Find three cause-and-effect pairs in paragraphs 2 and 3. Underline each cause and circle its effect. Give both parts of each pair the same number: 1, 2, or 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What caused new suburbs to form outside River Town?	Families could travel by car after more families bought automobiles.
2	What was one effect of the larger suburban population?	River Town built a new school.
3	What action caused the community to have less farmland?	Builders used some nearby farms for houses.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The town built a new playground. Because of this change, more children played outside after school.

Accept answers that correctly match each stated cause with its effect in the passage. For Your Turn, accept any realistic community change with a clear cause in the first sentence and a connected effect in the second sentence.