What Connects Events?

Sort texts by how their ideas connect.

4.3.R.7 "Students will distinguish the structures of an informational text: • cause/effect • problem/solution • description • sequential"

NAME _____ DATE _____

SEQUENCE

A sequence tells what happens first, next, and last. It puts events or steps in order.

A baker kneads the dough, lets it rise, and slides it into an oven.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Cause and effect tells why something happens and what happens because of it.

A strong gust knocked a loose hat off the bench.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ORDER or CAUSE for each item, then choose one item from each category and explain in Part 2 how you knew.

1.	First, I rinsed the paintbrush. Next, I set it in a cup to dry.	ORDER CAUSE
2.	The sidewalk was slippery because rain froze overnight.	ORDER CAUSE
3.	A loud truck rumbled past, so the dog barked.	ORDER CAUSE
4.	Maya opened the map, found the trail, and marked the route.	ORDER CAUSE
5.	After Tariq washed the grapes, he put them in a bowl.	ORDER CAUSE
6.	First, Nia cut paper strips. Next, she glued them into a chain.	ORDER CAUSE
7.	A heavy book landed on the box, so the box bent.	ORDER CAUSE
8.	Cool air blew into the room because the window was open.	ORDER CAUSE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each category and explain in Part 2 how you knew.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new ORDER example and one new CAUSE example.

ORDER _____

CAUSE _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one ORDER item and rewrite it as a CAUSE sentence about the same topic. Include the item number.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	First, I rinsed the paintbrush. Next, I set it in a cup to dry.	**ORDER**	The sentences give two steps in order.
2	The sidewalk was slippery because rain froze overnight.	**CAUSE**	Frozen rain explains why the sidewalk was slippery.
3	A loud truck rumbled past, so the dog barked.	**CAUSE**	The truck's noise caused the dog to bark.
4	Maya opened the map, found the trail, and marked the route.	**ORDER**	The actions are given in order.
5	After Tariq washed the grapes, he put them in a bowl.	**ORDER**	The sentence tells which action happened first.
6	First, Nia cut paper strips. Next, she glued them into a chain.	**ORDER**	First and next show the order of the steps.
7	A heavy book landed on the box, so the box bent.	**CAUSE**	The book landing on the box caused it to bend.
8	Cool air blew into the room because the window was open.	**CAUSE**	The open window explains why cool air entered.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one item from each category and explain in Part 2 how you knew.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ORDER**: I put on my socks, tied my shoes, and grabbed my coat.
- **CAUSE**: The puddle dried up because the sun warmed the water.

Challenge: Item 6: The paper strips stuck together because Nia used glue.

For Part 2, look for an explanation of ordered steps in the ORDER item and a reason and result in the CAUSE item. For the challenge, the new sentence should keep the chosen item's topic and show a believable cause and effect.