

Reading Strategy: Cause and Effect (This is a reading comprehension strategy)

Cause and Effect

Cause and Effect relate to "actions" that happen in stories or in real life.

Look at the picture and pay attention to the details. What are the actions?

Here are some actions you will see: throwing, playing, crying, yelling, getting dirty.



What is a "cause?" A cause is an action that shows why something happened.

The cause is the action that happens first.

What action is happening first in the picture below?

Action 1

The boy throws sand to the girl.



What action is happening next in the picture below?

Action 2

The girl cries.



Sentences

If the boy throws sand, then the girl will cry.

Cause



effect



If the kids play in the sand, then they will get dirty.

Cause



effect



Here is another way to look at **Cause and Effect** in an easier way.

Cause = the reason why something is happening.

Effect = **What** happens as a result.

Examples:

Cause (why)

Effect (What)

Event

1 →



Event

2 →



Event

3 →



Look at the events. Circle the actions. Then complete the sentences.

These actions **tell why** (something happened)

These actions **tell what** (happened)

1--Tom plants a small tree...

Later the tree will grow.

2--There are thick and gray clouds in the sky...

So...

3--If a hen sits on her eggs...

then



Monday, Apr 13th

Cause and Effect

Directions: Read the book *Cause and Effect* on Razkids.com. Then look at the pictures on each pages 2, 4, 6, and 8. You will create a Cause and Effect map for these pages. Look at the example below.

Pay attention to the "actions." Cause and effect is about how one action causes another one to happen.

Look at the actions on page 2. (look at the title or heading) ➡ **Fall/hurt**

Cause

The girl falls off her bike.

Topic or Event



Riding a bike

Effect

She will get hurt.

Now look at page 3. You see more pictures and words. Use those pictures and words to add more details to the cause and effect boxes. Look below:

Cause

The girl falls off her bicycle

The girl rides on the sidewalk

The girl hurt her knee

Riding a bike

Effect

She will get hurt.

The fall will hurt more.

She will need a bandage.

Now write sentences so that the cause and effect ideas make sense. Circle the cause and underline the effect.

- 1-The girl falls off her bicycle so now she will get hurt.
- 2-If the girl rides on the sidewalk, then the fall will hurt more.
- 3-If the girl hurts her knee, then she will need or use a bandage.

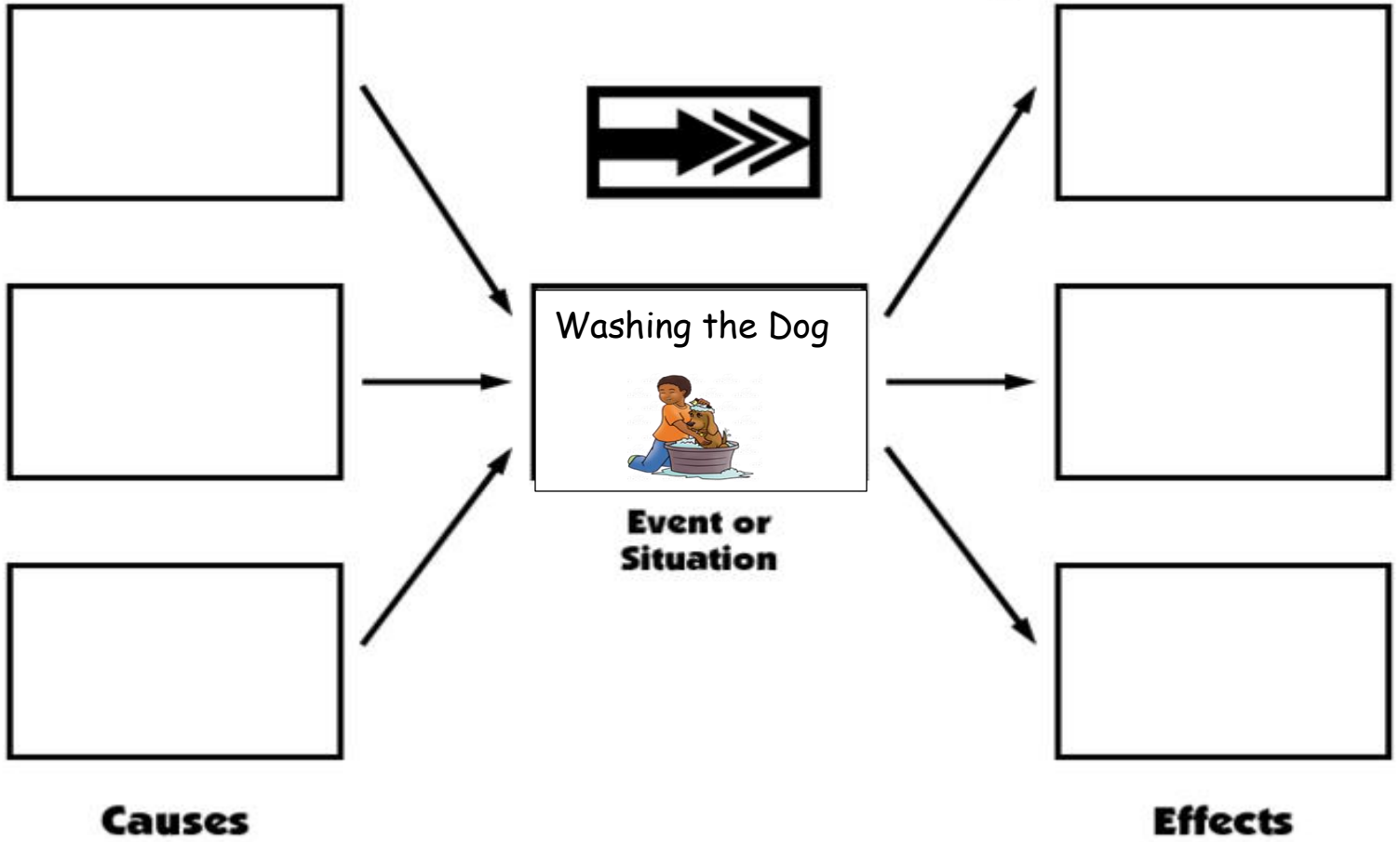
Now you will make a Cause and Effect map for each of these pages: 4, 6, and 8

Here is a sample Cause and Effect map.





Cause and Effect Map

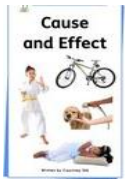


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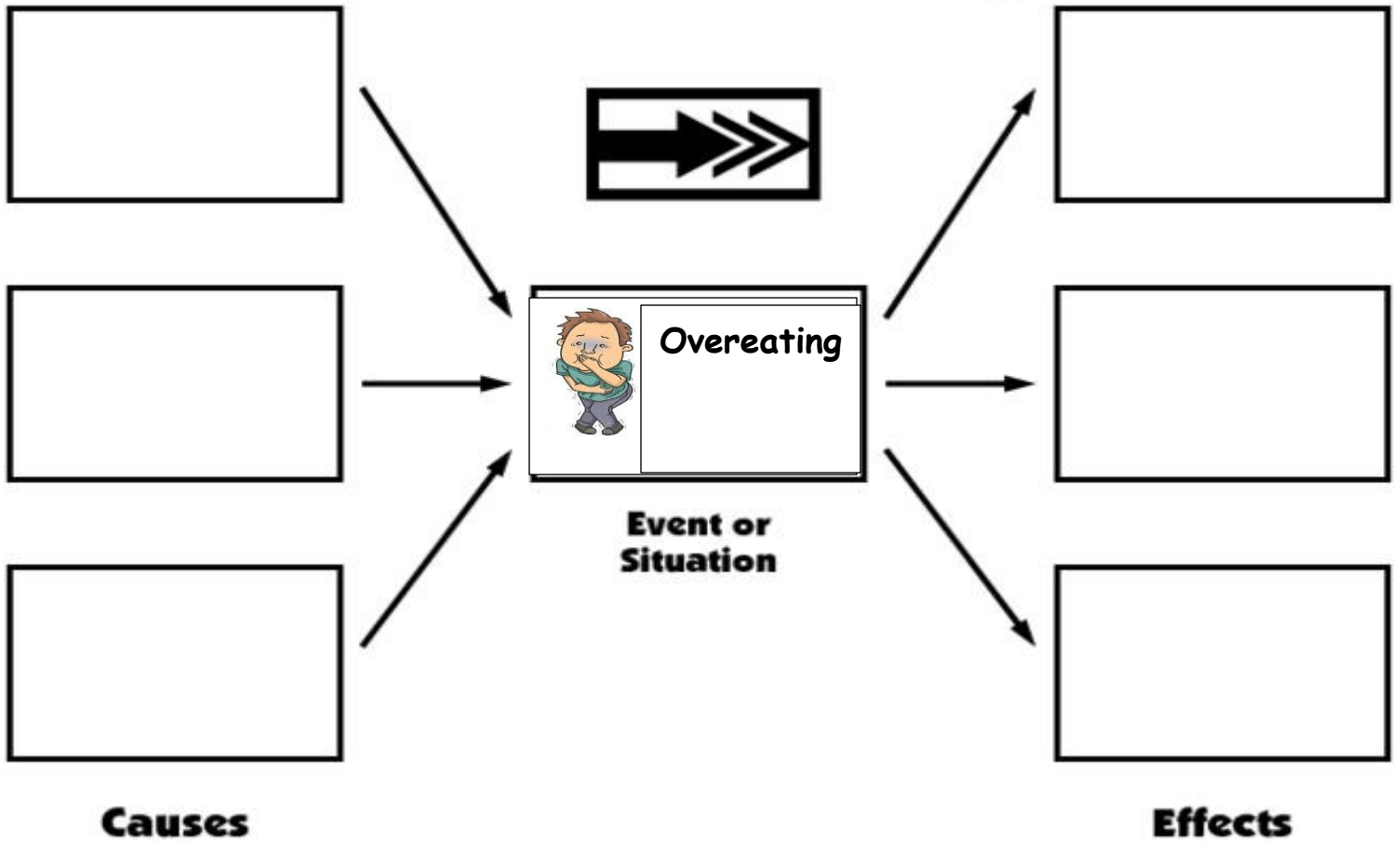
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Cause and Effect Map



Sentences:

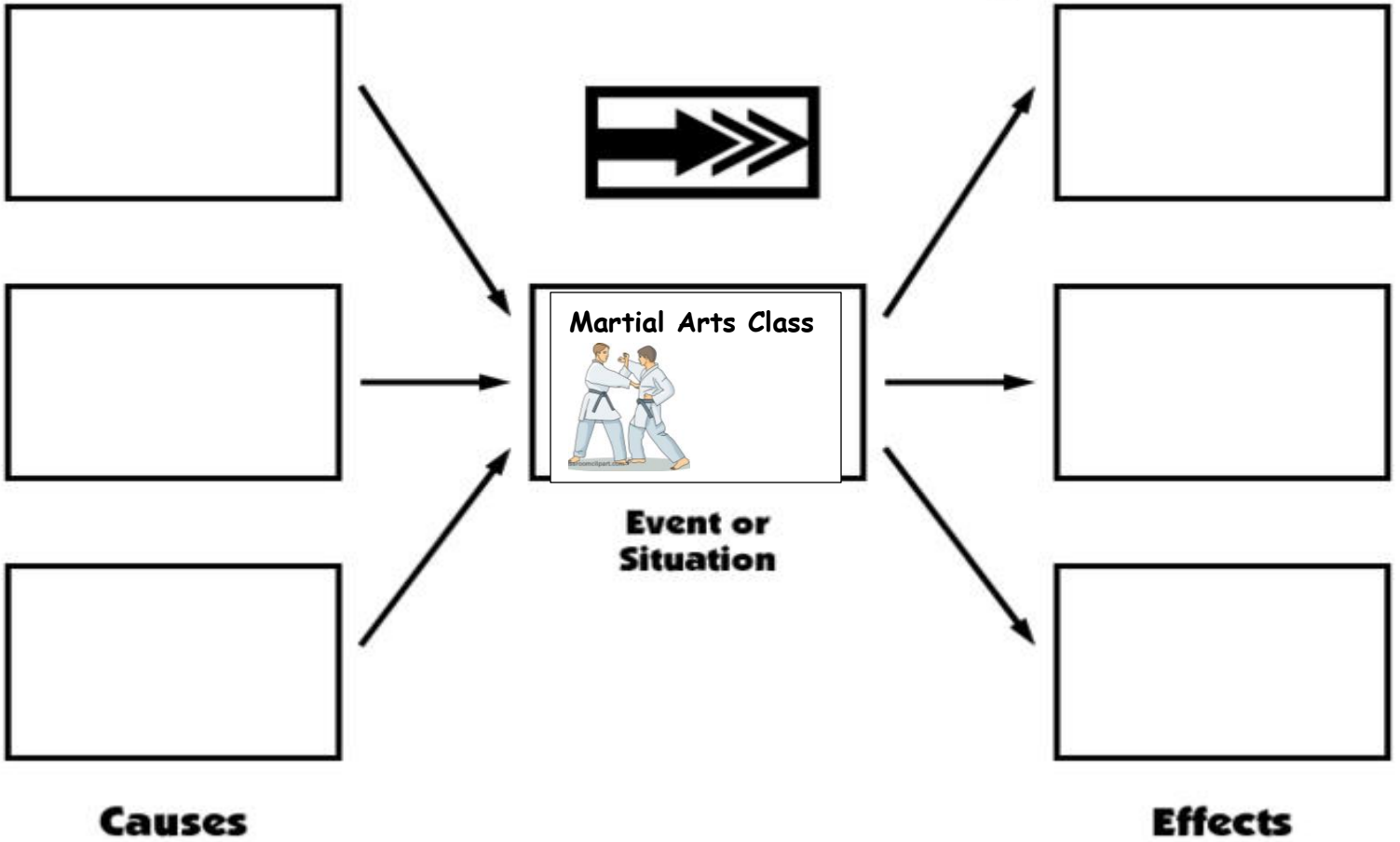
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Cause and Effect Map



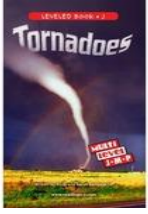
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2 _____

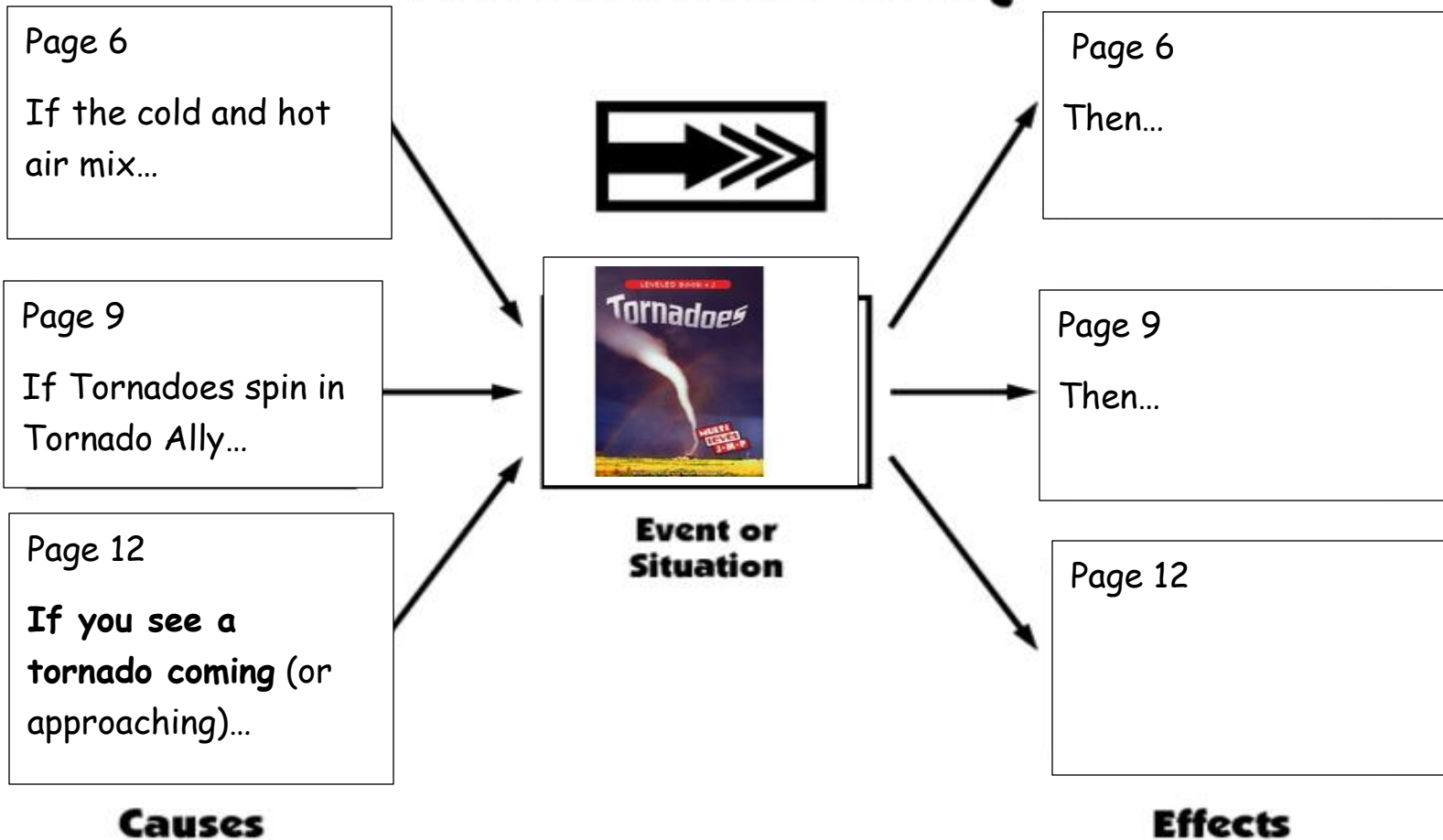
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Reading: Assignment for Tuesday -Apr 14th



Directions: Read the book *Tornadoes* on Razkids.com. Read the book carefully and pay attention to the word and picture details. Go back and "reread" the pages, or the whole book if you need to. Then complete the Cause and Effect map for "Tornadoes." The page numbers in the box tell you where to find the answers in the book.

Cause and Effect Map



Sentences (about "Tornadoes" using cause and effect ideas).

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____



Directions: Read the book *Why Do Leaves Change Color?* on Razkids.com. Read the book carefully and pay attention to the word and picture details. Go back and "reread" the pages, or the whole book if you need to. Then complete the Cause and Effect map for "*Why Do Leaves Change Color?*." The page numbers in the box tell you where to find the answers in the book.

Cause and Effect Map

Page 5

If an evergreen tree has leaves in the summer...

Page 5

If a deciduous tree has leaves in the summer...

Page 6

If the leaves use sunlight, water, and air...

Causes



Event or Situation

Page 5

Page 5

Page 6

Effects

Sentences (about "Tornadoes" using cause and effect ideas).

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____