

To be used with the March 16, 2020, issue

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Cause/Effect
Common Core RI.4.5



Causing Trouble



A **cause** is a reason something happens. An **effect** is something that happens as a result. As you read “How This Little Goldfish Can Cause Big Trouble,” look for cause-and-effect relationships and record them below. For the last one, fill in your own example from the article.

Cause

(why something happens)

Effect

(what happens as a result)

1

Goldfish have invaded
waterways across the
country.

2

Goldfish have no natural
predators.

3

Native fish struggle to
survive and the entire
ecosystem is affected.

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