



## **Cause & Effect: Notes**

### **What is Cause & Effect?**

- An **action** with a **reaction**
- Someone or something performs an **action (cause)**, which causes a **reaction (effect)**
- Usually the effect impacts the story
- Keeps the story flowing

### **How to identify the cause and its effect?**

- When you read a sentence with a cause and effect ask yourself: **What was the action?**
- After you know what the action was ask yourself: **What did that action do? Or What as the reaction in response to the action?**
- Always remember: **Action = Cause** and **Reaction = Effect**
- You can also use signal words to identify the cause and effect.

### **What are some common signal words?**

- So
- Because
- If...then...
- Since
- As a result
- Due to
- Therefore
- Consequently
- Thus