

PUMPKIN JACK

BOOK COMPANION

- ♥ Pumpkin Jack craft template
- ♥ Cause and Effect writing pieces
- ♥ Cause and Effect recording sheet
- ♥ Graphic organizer
- ♥ Teacher directions
- ♥ Color example
- ♥ Black-and-white version
- ♥ Answer key





Teacher Directions

Pumpkin Jack Book Companion



Objective:

Students identify causes and effects in a story by creating a Pumpkin Jack. This engaging book companion helps students understand how events happen and why.

Materials:

- Pumpkin Jack craft template
- Cause and Effect writing pieces
- Cause and Effect recording sheet
- Graphic organizer
- Pencils
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Glue or tape (optional)

Before Reading:

- Introduce the book. Show the cover and read the title and author.
- Ask students what they think might cause the pumpkin to do something in the story.
- Discuss what a cause is (why something happens) and an effect (what happens as a result).
- Make predictions about the story.

During Reading:

Read the story aloud and pause to discuss:

- What is happening in the story?
- What caused that to happen?
- What happened as a result?
- How do the pictures help us understand the cause and effect?

Encourage students to listen for key events and think about why they happen.

After Reading:

Students complete the activities in this order:

- ① Cause and Effect writing pieces
- ② Cause and Effect recording sheet
- ③ Cause and Effect graphic organizer
- ④ Pumpkin Jack craft

Students may complete the pages independently, with a partner, or in small groups.

Discussion Questions:

- What caused the pumpkin to do that?
- What happened as a result?
- How did the character's actions affect the story?
- Can you think of another cause that could have changed the outcome?
- What is the most important cause and effect in the story? Why?

Extension Ideas:



Have students write their own cause and effect sentences about a new part of the story.



Create a class pumpkin patch with each student's Pumpkin Jack and their cause and effect sentences.



Act out the story in small groups focusing on causes and effects.

Teacher Tip:

Use think-alouds while reading to model how to identify causes and effects. Encourage students to use sentence stems like, "This happened because..." and "As a result..."

Cause

Why did it happen?

The wind blew really strong.

The squirrel chewed the rope.

The rope snapped.

Pumpkin Jack fell off the post.

Pumpkin Jack's seeds were left in the garden.

Effect

What happened?

Pumpkin Jack started to swing.

He began to fall down.

He fell to the ground.

He broke into pieces.

A new pumpkin plant began to grow.

Key Point

Our actions or events can lead to different results.

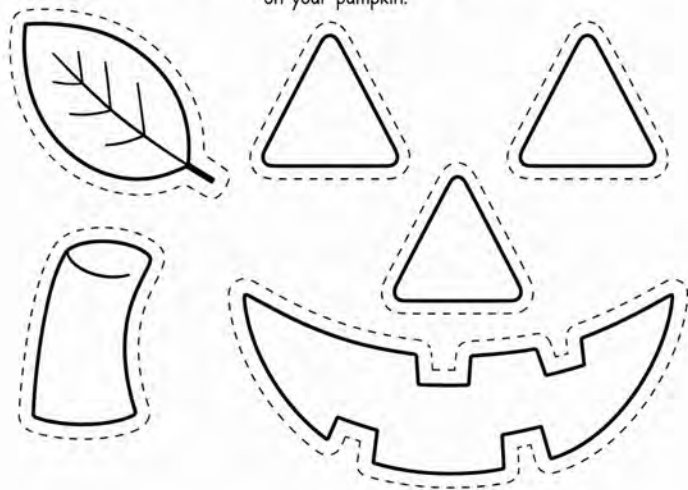
Cause
Why did it happen?

Effect
What happened?

Key Point
Our actions or events
can lead to different
results.

≡ Pumpkin Jack Cut-Outs ≡

Cut out the pieces below and glue them
on your pumpkin.



Name: _____

Date: _____



≡ Cause and Effect ≡

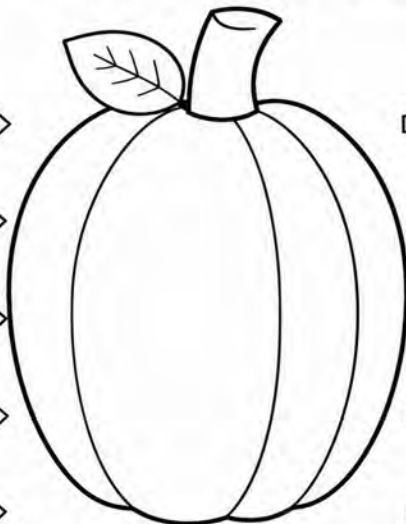


Directions: Write the cause of what happened in the story on the left.
Then, write the effect or what happened as a result on the right.

Cause

Why did it happen?

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.



Effect

What happened?

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Key Point:

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different results.

