

DRAGONS LOVE TACOS CAUSE & EFFECT CRAFT

A Second Grade Literacy Craft



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ Teacher Directions
- ✓ Craft Template
- ✓ Completed Example

Students explore cause-and-effect relationships and how characters' actions impact story events.



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TEACHER DIRECTIONS

OBJECTIVE

Students will identify cause and effect relationships in the story by explaining how a character's actions (cause) lead to a result (effect).

MATERIALS

- Craft template pages
- "Because" writing strip
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Construction paper (optional)

PREP

1. Print the craft template pages (dragon, title, and "because" strip) for each student.
2. Copy the teacher directions and display the example for students to reference.
3. Gather all materials.



STUDENT DIRECTIONS

1. Read *Dragons Love Tacos*.
2. Think about what the dragons did and what happened because of it.
3. Fill in the cause and effect sections on the taco.
4. Write a sentence on the "Because" strip to explain the effect.
5. Color your dragon and taco pieces.
6. Cut out all pieces.
7. Glue the title, taco, and "Because" strip onto your dragon.

TEACHER TIP



Model a think-aloud while reading the story to show how an action leads to a result. Encourage students to use detail from the text when explaining the effect.

ASSESSMENT



Look for understanding of cause and effect by checking that students:

- Identified a clear cause
- Identified the correct effect
- Wrote a complete sentence explaining the effect

BE KIND
BE YOU
BE AMAZING!



Mistakes are
PROOF
you are
TRYING.

Today is a
GREAT DAY
to learn
something
NEW!

Our Class Rules

- ★ Be Kind
- ★ Be Respectful
- ★ Be Responsible
- ★ Be Safe
- ★ Be a Learner

CAUSE

What did a character do?

The characters put spicy salsa on the tacos.



WHAT HAPPENED?

What happened because of that action?

The dragon ate the tacos with spicy salsa.



EFFECT

What was the result?

The dragon breathed fire and caused a huge mess!



Cause and Effect in Dragons Love Tacos

Because dragons hate spicy salsa, they breathe fire when they eat it.



CAUSE

What did a character do?



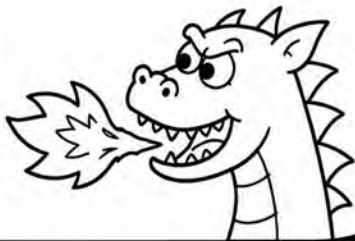
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EFFECT

What was the result?





Cause and Effect in Dragons Love Tacos

Because _____

