

DECODING CAUSE AND EFFECT

Read the story. Then, fill in the chart of cause and effect.

Yesterday, after I played with my hamster on the floor, I put him back into his cage. But the lid wasn't closed tightly and he escaped. I didn't even know he wasn't in his cage until I felt something run by my feet. I jumped up in surprise and quickly hit the lamp on the table next to me. The lamp fell and crashed to the ground, making a loud noise. Soon, my dad was in the room, upset that he had been woken up from his nap. I walked over to him, wanting to apologize, but I stopped just in time. My hamster was sitting in front of me, looking up and smiling mischievously. I reached down to grab him and he ran into the kitchen. When I heard the scream, I knew my mother had seen my pet. She scooped him into a colander and popped him back into his cage. I tightly secured the top, making sure he couldn't escape this time. As I watched him play, I could have sworn he gave me a little wink.

CAUSE	EFFECT
I did not close the lid tightly.	
	I jumped up and hit the lamp.
The lamp crashed to the floor and made a loud noise.	
	My mom screamed.

