**Cause and Effect Text Structure Activities**

**for Module Participants**

Directions: This handout may be used to actively engage in the example lessons presented in slides 27 through 30 of the module. Record your responses to Part 1 by circling or underlining your responses to the questions asked about each sentence. Part 2 contains examples you might wish to reference at another time. Participants may use the text in Part 3 to identify answers to questions asked during the model Think Aloud; pause the presentation to complete the blank graphic organizer before continuing with the rest of the module.

## Part 1: Modeling

My brother is tired because he rode his bike five miles today.

Ricardo ran faster than everyone, so he won the race.

I put on my warmest jacket because it was really cold outside.

Because she missed the bus, Carrisa was late for school.

Since Dad forgot to put it back in the freezer, the ice cream melted.

## Part 2: Sample Practice Activities

**1. My mom’s car had a flat tire, so she called a tow truck.**

Cause:

Effect:

**2. Cause: Because Sam missed the bus,**

Positive Effect:

Negative Effect:

**3. Matching:**

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| Weekend was warm and sunny | it rusted |
| Forgot the password | went to the beach |
| Studied hard and did homework | couldn’t log on to the computer |
| Left bicycle out in the rain | got an “A” in science |

4. **Because of the blizzard**

a. David passed his spelling test.

b. All the schools were closed.

c. We had cereal and toast for breakfast.

5. **Dad was late for work**

a. Because the water in the lake was too cold.

b. Since Sarah just turned twelve.

c. When the car wouldn’t start.

## Part 3: Application

**What Might Have Happened to Dinosaurs**

One theory, or idea, about why dinosaurs disappeared, is that a large object from space, like a comet or meteorite, crashed to earth. When the asteroid hit, then huge clouds of dust and debris were thrown into the air. These dust clouds kept sunlight from hitting the Earth.

The lack of sunlight caused temperatures to drop. Green plants froze because of the cold. Since there were no plants, plant-eating dinosaurs and many other animals died of starvation. Then meat-eating dinosaurs died because there were no more animals left for them to eat.

What Might Have Happened to Dinosaurs?

## Effect (what happened?) Cause (why?)

because

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