

Part 1: Recognizing cause and effect relationships helps you understand the important events in a novel. If you can determine which actions cause other actions, you will see how several events link together to form the plot. By identifying cause and effect relationships, you can also point out how characters affect each other.

Read the Statements below and match each to its Cause or Effect. Write the letter of the correct answer on the blank. The first one has been done for you as an example.

Statement	Cause or Effect of the Statement
D__ 1. Prudence's doll falls in the water.	A. A lasting friendship is formed.
___ 2. John does not tell Mercy that he loves her.	B. Kit must be dishonest.
___ 3. Prudence leaves flowers on the doorstep.	C. The wrong people are engaged.
___ 4. Hannah finds Kit in the Great Meadow.	D. Kit jumps in the water to save the doll.
___ 5. Matthew forbids Kit to visit Hannah.	E. A young girl learns to read.

Part 2: In this chapter, Kit is faced with a decision. She can again be dishonest to Matthew, or she can use her instinct and save Hannah. We know after reading the chapter that Kit chooses to save Hannah. Thinking about the cause and effect of choices, respond to the following question:

What would have happened if Kit had made the decision to stay safely in her home? **In a multi-paragraph response, address the following:**

- What would have happened to Hannah?
- How would Matthew have felt knowing the Kit was finally obedient?
- How would Kit have felt knowing what had happened to Hannah?
- How would Nat would have reacted to Hannah's arrest?

Be sure each paragraph begins with a topic sentence and include supporting details.