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To identify cause and effect as you read, remember:




- A **cause** is the reason something happened.
- An **effect** is what happened as a result.
- **Signal words** help identify the cause and effect.
Examples are *therefore*, *as a result*, *because*, *so*, and *for this reason*.

Read "Mount St. Helens Blows Up!" Find a cause-and-effect relationship. Then mark the text.

Mount St. Helens Blows Up!




Mount St. Helens is a volcano in the state of Washington. For many years, it was inactive. Then, in 1980, it started to show signs of life. On May 18, the volcano blew up. A violent eruption caused the mountain to explode and shoot out lava, rocks, ash, and gas. As a result of the eruption, 57 people died and countless animals and plants were destroyed. It was the deadliest eruption ever in the United States.

Cause & Effect Text Marks

-  Circle the **cause**.
-  Box the **signal word**.
-  Underline the **effect**.

Mark the Text

Find a cause-and-effect relationship.

-  Circle the cause.
-  Box the signal word.
-  Underline the effect.