Cause and Effect

A cause is something that makes something else happen. It answers the question “Why did this happen.”

An effect is what happens as a result of the cause. It answers the question “What happened.”

Determine the cause and effect in the following sentences.

1. The soccer field was muddy because it rained all night.
   CAUSE: ____________________________
   EFFECT: ____________________________

2. I was tired in the morning because I stayed up too late watching TV.
   CAUSE: ____________________________
   EFFECT: ____________________________

3. Tom forgot to shut the gate so his dog ran out of the yard.
   CAUSE: ____________________________
   EFFECT: ____________________________

4. Lily forgot to eat breakfast so she was hungry all day.
   CAUSE: ____________________________
   EFFECT: ____________________________

5. Jake had to miss recess because he didn’t turn his homework in.
   CAUSE: ____________________________
   EFFECT: ____________________________