

Ask What, Ask Why

You eat five double-fudge brownies. What happens? You get a stomachache. You ace your cello recital. Why? You practiced every day. It's easy to figure out cause-and-effect relationships by asking two simple questions: "What happened?" (to find an effect) and "Why did this happen?" (to find a cause). Find the cause-and-effect relationships in "The School at the Edge of the Earth."

Directions: Fill in what's missing from each cause-and-effect pair. Use the hints to help you.

1. CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: The Sioux chiefs let Captain Pratt take 84 children to Carlisle.

HINT: *Why did the Sioux chiefs allow Captain Pratt to take their children?*

2. CAUSE: Chief Spotted Tail was furious to see his children dressed like American soldiers.

EFFECT: _____

HINT: *What did Chief Spotted Tail do?*

3. CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: The American government opened more boarding schools around the country.

4. CAUSE: White settlers wanted more land.

EFFECT: _____

5. CAUSE: Captain Pratt believed "Kill the Indian, save the man."

EFFECT: _____

6. CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: Most Indian boarding schools were shut down.

Now, on your own, find two cause-and-effect relationships from the article.

7. CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____

8. CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____