

CAUSE→EFFECT REASONING REVIEW & PRACTICE

Fill in the Blanks: In response to each of the following prompts, fill in the blanks as appropriate.

(1) What are the elements of Cause→Effect reasoning?

(2) What is the nickname for a Cause→Effect argument?

(3) List and define the 3 types of Cause→Effect argument.

A. _____:

B. _____:

C. _____:

Identifying Cause→Effect Reasoning: For each of the statements below indicate whether Cause→Effect reasoning being used.

- a. On the line in front of each statement, write “CE” if Cause→Effect reasoning is being used or “No” if Cause→Effect reasoning is not being used.
- b. Circle the key word(s)
- c. Highlight the cause in yellow and the effect in another green

_____ (4) Because corydoras are sensitive to aquarium salt, it is most likely that they died from “aquarium salt overdose”.

_____ (5) Bedford High School is a great environment for students to learn and socialize.

_____ (6) Even though New York City and Boston are both great cities, they clearly stand apart from each other in various aspects.

_____ (7) *Friends* has earned a lofty position in American hearts due to its humor, heart, writing, production, critical acclaim, popularity, and longevity.

- _____ (8) Junior year is an excruciatingly terrible year for students for many different reasons
- _____ (9) Lady Gaga is a fantastic and talented music artist.
- _____ (10) Retrievers are much better dogs than terriers since retrievers are smarter, faster, and more loyal than terriers.
- _____ (11) The more that you practice swimming the faster you will become.
- _____ (12) The poor economy caused me to get a bad job at Springs Brook Park this summer.
- _____ (13) The success of the Red Hot Chili Peppers is all due to the perseverance of Anthony Kiedis and Michael Balzary.

Cause→Effect Diagramming: Diagram the following cause→effect argument as is.

Even though I had sworn at the beginning of summer that I would never work at Springs Brook Park, a number of factors caused me to get a bad job there nonetheless. I needed a job because my parents stopped giving me money due to the recession, and because they wanted me to get job experience. I decided to try to get a job at Bedford Summer Camp. However, the recession caused businesses to cut the salaries of their employees. This meant Bedford parents had less money, and could not afford to send their kids to Bedford Summer Camp. Because of this, Bedford Day Camp had to downsize, and hired fewer workers. Only 4 kids were hired and I was not one of them. So, I had to apply at Springs Brook Park. I was hired by Springs Brook, so I worked there this summer.