Cause and Effect

TRY THE SKILL

To find out an effect you ask, "What happened?" To find out a cause, you ask, "Why did that happen?" Identifying causes and effects is a way to understand what you read.

Read this passage from the book.

When air cools, it pushes down and sinks to the earth, causing higher air pressure. As the air becomes more packed together, it warms up. This warm air spreads out, usually bringing nice weather.

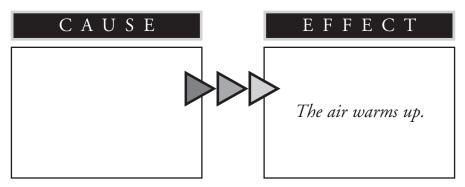
This graphic explains what happened in the first sentence.

Air cools.

EFFECT

It pushes down and sinks to the earth, causing higher air pressure.

Read the passage again. Then complete this graphic organizer. Tell why the air warms up in the second sentence.



Now complete this graphic. Tell why what happens when the warm air spreads out in the third sentence.

