

# Cause and Effect

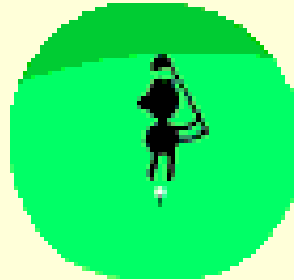
Comprehension Skill

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# Cause and Effect

The cause is the girl swings the club.



The effect is the ball moves.

A cause is something that makes something else happen. It is why something happens.

An effect is what happens.

# Cause and Effect

- Clue words such as *because*, *so*, and *and* sometimes signal a cause-effect relationship.
- Sometimes you must figure out for yourself that one thing causes another.

Good readers ask themselves why things happen in a story. Asking why will help you figure out cause and effect!



When you see the hippo in the pond, you can ask yourself why he got in there. He is probably in the water to cool off.

This is cause and effect.

Cause

The hippo was hot.

Effect

He got in the water.



When you see the kids picking up the trash on the beach, you can ask yourself why. You know that some people must have been messy at the beach before the kids got there.

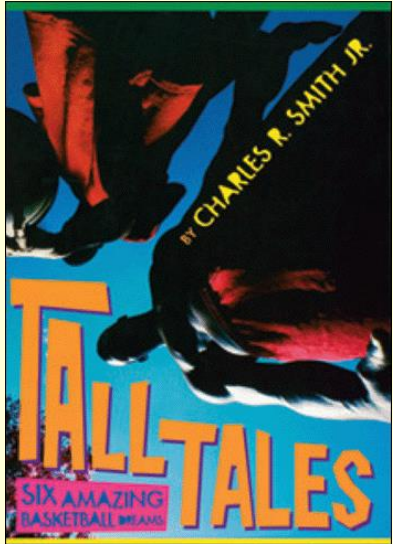
This is cause and effect.

**Cause** People left trash on the beach.

**Effect** The kids cleaned up the beach.

Think about the story.

Why do Joanna's  
parents hang the  
rim up so high?



## Cause

Joanna's  
parents don't  
know how  
high a rim is  
supposed to  
hang...

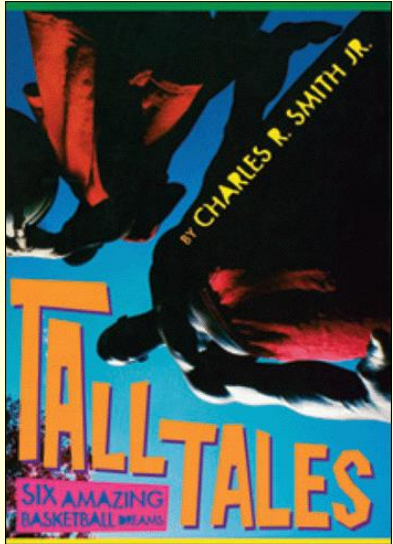


## Effect

so they  
hang the  
rim on the  
edge of  
their roof,  
16 feet  
high!

Think about the story.

Why do the boys think Joanna is a boy?





## Cause

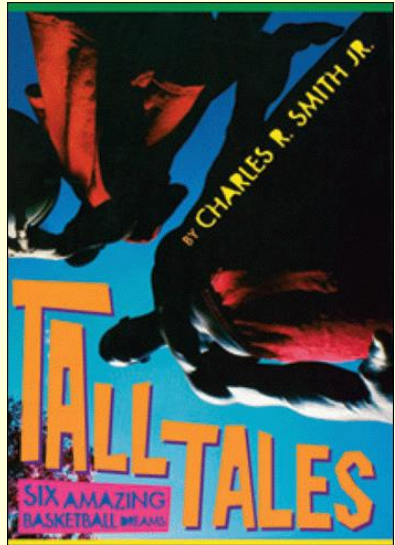
Joanna is wearing a hat that hides her long hair and she says Jo is her name



## Effect

so the boys think she is a boy too.

Think about the story.



Why does  
Joanna not tell  
the boys that  
she is a girl?

## Cause

Joanna wants  
to play ball  
with the boys  
and thinks  
they might not  
let her if they  
know

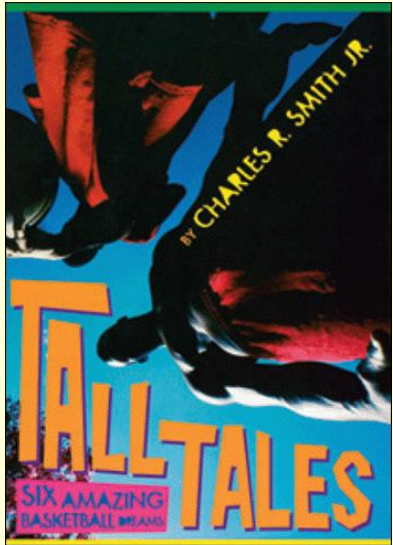


## Effect

so she  
doesn't tell  
them that  
she is a girl.

Think about the story.

Why does one of  
the boys say  
“unbelievable?”



## Cause

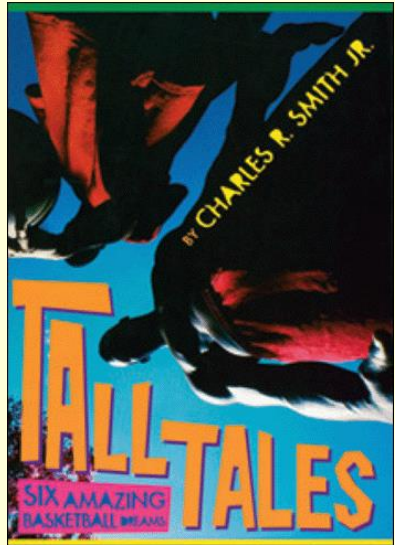
Joanna  
jumps higher  
than he has  
ever seen  
anyone jump  
before



## Effect

so he says  
“unbelievable.”

Think about the story.



Why does T.J.  
give Joanna a  
hard time during  
most of the  
story/

## Cause

Joanna  
guards T.J.  
and blocks  
his shot  
which  
embarrasses  
him

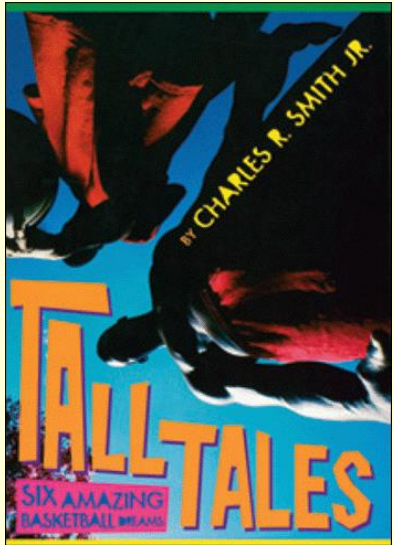


## Effect

so gives her  
a hard time  
and says  
that she  
fouled him.

Think about the story.

How do the boys  
figure out that  
Joanna is a girl?





## Cause

Joanna's hat  
falls off while  
she is  
dunking the  
ball

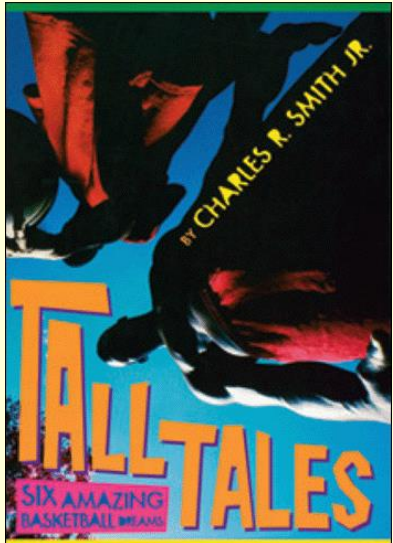


## Effect

so the boys  
figure out  
that she is a  
girl.

Think about the story.

What is the effect of Joanna's impressive ball play at the end of the story?



## Cause

Joanna plays  
a good game  
and shows  
the boys she  
can dunk the  
ball



## Effect

so the boys  
give her the  
nickname  
Jumpin' Jo  
and invite her  
to play again.