

Eng. 5.5j Cause/ Effect Activity (p. 1)

This activity is good to help students understand that there can be multiple effects for the same cause and multiple causes for the same effect. To get started, have the class fold a plain sheet of paper in half hot dog style. Then in half and half again. When opened up there will be eight boxes. Present the students with four different scenarios or situations (can write on board) which they will then write across the middle of each pair of boxes. They will then label the left-hand boxes "Positive Effects" and the right-hand boxes "Negative Effects." In response to each scenario, the students will come up with 2-3 effects for both the positive and negative boxes. When everyone has finished, the class can share and discuss how causes and effects are not only almost limitless, but also overlapping. They will hopefully realize how circumstances and outcomes are inter-related.