

# The Bike Ride

Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 On Saturday morning, Marco and his sister Elena rode their bikes to the pond. The sky was gray, but Marco did not check the weather. He was in a hurry, so he left his jacket and his water bottle at home.
- 2 The path to the pond went up a long hill. Marco pedaled as hard as he could. Because he had nothing to drink, his mouth felt as dry as sand. Elena shared her water with him.
- 3 At the pond, dark clouds rolled in. Soon cold rain poured down. Elena zipped up her raincoat. Marco had no jacket. As a result, he was soaked in a minute.
- 4 The rain turned the dirt path into mud. Marco rode down the hill too fast, so his front tire slid in the mud. He tipped over into a puddle! He was not hurt, since he was wearing his helmet. But he was muddy from his shoes to his chin.
- 5 At home, Marco took a warm bath. Later he taped a list to the garage door. It had three words on it: jacket, water, helmet. “From now on,” he told Elena, “I check the sky and I check the list.”



# The Bike Ride: Questions

Go back to the text to find your proof. Underline it in the color shown.

1. Why did Marco leave his jacket and water bottle at home?

red

- ☐ He lost them.
- ☐ Elena told him to.
- ☐ He was in a hurry.

2. Why was Marco soaked in a minute?

orange

- ☐ He had no jacket in the rain.
- ☐ He jumped in the pond.
- ☐ He spilled his water.

3. Why was Marco not hurt when he tipped over?

yellow

4. Finish the chart. A cause is why something happens. An effect is what happens.

CAUSE

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EFFECT

His mouth felt as dry as sand.

CAUSE

Rain fell on the dirt path.

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EFFECT

CAUSE

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EFFECT

His front tire slid.

5. Which word in paragraph 4 tells you that a cause is coming?

green

- ☐ since
- ☐ puddle
- ☐ helmet

# The Bike Ride: Answer Key

Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

1. Why did Marco leave his jacket and water bottle at home?

red

- ☐ He lost them.
- ☐ Elena told him to.
- ☒ **He was in a hurry.**

**Proof** Paragraph 1: “He was in a hurry, so he left his jacket and his water bottle at home.”

2. Why was Marco soaked in a minute?

orange

- ☒ **He had no jacket in the rain.**
- ☐ He jumped in the pond.
- ☐ He spilled his water.

**Proof** Paragraph 3: “Marco had no jacket. As a result, he was soaked in a minute.”

3. Why was Marco not hurt when he tipped over?

yellow

**He was wearing his helmet.**

4. Finish the chart. A cause is why something happens. An effect is what happens.

CAUSE

**Marco had nothing to drink.**

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EFFECT

His mouth felt as dry as sand.

CAUSE

Rain fell on the dirt path.

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EFFECT

**The path turned into mud.**

CAUSE

**Marco rode down the muddy hill too fast.**

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EFFECT

His front tire slid.

5. Which word in paragraph 4 tells you that a cause is coming?

green

- ☒ **since**
- ☐ puddle
- ☐ helmet

**Proof** Paragraph 4: “He was not hurt, since he was wearing his helmet.”