

CHAPTER 2 / Cause and Effect

Changes in the way people live are the result of variations that occur in their environment. *Causes* are the events or conditions that produced the change. *Effects* are the results of these changes. Some changes occur over a long period of time and are a reflection of adaptation; others are revolutionary and bring about rapid modifications in lifestyle. Using information from your text and the table “People and Tools of Montana’s Past” on page 27, determine which line of each of the following pairs is the cause of an event and which is the effect. Put a “C” next to the cause and an “E” next to the effect.

- (1) _____ a. Scientists question the Bering Land Bridge theory.
_____ b. Archaeologists find charcoal from a 50,000-year-old hearth.
- (2) _____ a. People traveled long distances in search of food and supplies.
_____ b. Their belongings were simple and easy to transport.
- (3) _____ a. Temperatures rose 5°F and precipitation decreased 2 to 3 inches per year.
_____ b. Alpine glaciers melted and grasslands opened up.
- (4) _____ a. People focused more on smaller animals and vegetation.
_____ b. Deer, antelope, and rabbits thrived and plants diversified.
- (5) _____ a. People developed new technology like the atlatl.
_____ b. Animals grew smaller and faster.
- (6) _____ a. The climate turned cooler and wetter, allowing the bison to thrive.
_____ b. The bison became the focal point for food, social activity, and ceremonies.
- (7) _____ a. People were able to have larger shelters using bison hides.
_____ b. Dogs were used to transport many goods on a travois.
- (8) Make up your own cause and effect sentences using information from your life.

Cause _____

Effect _____
